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Science enrolment and admissions beset by budget cuts

Written by **Andrea Ross** ■ STAFF REPORTER

The University of Alberta's Faculty of Science is downsizing as it struggles to accommodate a \$6.65 million budget cut this academic year.

Enrolment, programs and courses will be cut for graduate students, and undergraduates will see admissions averages and class sizes increased next year.

The 15 academic staff accepted for the voluntary severance program (VSP) two weeks ago will cover approximately 40 per cent — or \$2.5 million — of the mandatory cuts, Dean Jonathan Schaeffer said, but the faculty must cut further to account for the remaining \$4 million.

"Clearly, we would love to have more professors, a bigger graduate program and more and more students, assuming we have the resources to properly supervise them," he said.

"But the times have changed, and we have to reflect the changing reality of the Faculty of Science."

Schaeffer said the total number of grad students will decrease next year relative to the staff members lost to the VSP, leaving the ratio of grad students to professors roughly the same.

The faculty is also discussing revenue generation methods meant to offset the impact of the cuts, with one possibility being the implementation of lab fees for students. While the idea is merely a proposal at this stage, Schaeffer said he doesn't know how much it would cost students.

He said some universities across Canada charge between \$25 and \$200 per course for access to labs.

"None of these things are things myself or my chairs want to do," Schaeffer said. "We will do what we can to survive what I believe is a short term financial matter, and as soon as this is behind us we will do whatever we can to grow and reach our full potential."

The possibility of implementing course-based master's programs has been discussed, he added. Teacher supervision is a major cost of master's programs, but course-based master's programs don't require supervision from faculty staff, Schaeffer said.

"The times have changed, and we have to reflect the changing reality of the Faculty of Science."

JONATHAN SCHAEFFER
DEAN, FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Following recent news of substantial course and program cuts to the Faculty of Arts, Graduate Students' Association President Brent Epperson said he's worried about the latest blow to one of the university's biggest faculties.

"Our concern is that they could be making decisions now that will have severe negative

impacts on graduate students in those two faculties," he said.

"These faculties could shrink substantially in the next couple years, and that's not something you can rebound from easily. If they could hold off somehow and have a contingency plan that wouldn't involve cuts to the size of the graduate program, that's what I would encourage them to do."

The short timelines have led to a chain reaction, Epperson said, where central administration has been forced into making difficult decisions without clear information on the government's plans.

"The risk is that deans could be making decisions for severe cuts that affect graduate students now, when in spring or even sooner it might turn out that such drastic cuts are not necessary," he said. "We don't know what the next budget is going to be."

Students' Union Vice-President (Academic) Dustin Chelen said the university may see less students enrolling in the future because of the lasting effects of the current financial situation.

Although the provincial government announced the cuts to post-secondary education more than seven months ago, Chelen said the U of A doesn't have a comprehensive strategy for handling the crisis.

"It's fascinating how much confusion there is around the budget position at the U of A," he said.

"For a number of undergraduate students that may have been considering graduate studies, with (these) positions being cut, they might be out of luck."

Along with downsizing staff and graduate students, undergraduate students applying to the faculty will be faced with higher requirements for admissions averages. Schaeffer said the faculty is funded to accommodate 6,100 students, with approximately 6,450 currently enrolled.

Schaeffer didn't specify the exact increase, but with resources already stretched thin, he said the slight increase in admissions requirements is necessary to keep enrolment levels manageable with less staff.

"The Faculty of Science is firing on all cylinders. This is a faculty that should be growing, not shrinking," he said. "Any kind of shrinking is a worst-case scenario."

"With the quality of people that we have and the potential that we have to do great things, we should be growing."

"What am I supposed to write in this box if I'm not a self-obsessed, narcissist?"

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

U of A forward Jordan Hickmott keeps a watchful eye on Mount Royal's Ben Scott in the Bears' 6-2 victory over the Cougars last Friday.

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As you may have heard, mayoral elections are right around the corner

WE ASKED...


If you could elect anyone, who would it be?



Tyler Kowalchuk

PHYS. ED IV


"Ryan Smyth. I like him as a hockey player. He gets up there and gives 'er."



Kaitlyn Latawiec

MEDICINE IV


"Kristine Acielo. I just really want the SkyTrain all around the Anthony Henday."



Sulayma Mohamed

SCIENCE I


"My friend Rola, because she has experience doing presidential things."



Steve Jahns

SCIENCE VII

"Push-up guy from Whyte Avenue. Or the guy who wears a bunch of hats."



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sexy with a video
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Mayoral candidates talk student concerns at forum

Andrea Ross
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The three front-running mayoral candidates deviated from talk of potholes and arena funding to address student-related issues at Tuesday night’s mayoral forum.

Candidates Kerry Diotte, Don Iveson and Karen Leibovici were invited to the forum at Grant MacEwan University as part of the “Your City, Your Vote” campaign. Organized by Grant MacEwan’s students’ association in co-operation with other post-secondary students’ unions and associations across the city, the campaign is using social media to spread awareness of the importance of voting.

■ **“We want to make the student experience as painless as possible.”**

KERRY DIOTTE
CANDIDATE, MAYOR OF EDMONTON

Just 33 per cent of Edmontonians voted in the last municipal election, a number organizers hope to increase this year by getting students to the polls.

During the forum, candidates answered questions from an audience of about 60 people, many of them post-secondary students.

When asked about their plans for ensuring affordable and efficient public transportation, all candidates agreed to prioritize the service as the city continues to grow.

A transit user himself, Iveson said his experience negotiating a U-Pass deal as a former U of A student and employee, and as a city council-



CANDID CANDIDATES Don Iveson, Karen Leibovici and Kerry Diotte sought the student vote last week.

TAYLOR EVANS

lor, resulted in a “wildly successful transportation choice for students in Edmonton.” He said he would like to see the LRT system completed by 2030 and implement a simplified smart card system for easy access.

Leibovici said an efficient transit system is an “obvious” necessity for the city, especially in the cold winter months. She added that long-term, sustainable funding is necessary for these improvements to happen.

But improvements can only be made with public feedback, Diotte said.

Although he supports the LRT expansion, he said a “snag in funding” means improvements need to be made to bus routes and other transit systems already in place.

When asked about their stance on imposing municipal property taxes on post-secondary institutions, Iveson pointed out the value in

supporting the construction of student housing.

He said property taxes ultimately benefit students by subsidizing programs such as the U-Pass, but he suggested eliminating taxes for future campus housing.

“We want to make the student experience as painless as possible,” Diotte said, adding that taxing campus housing may not be the best solution, but he’s willing to look

Panel calls for gender identity equality

Collins Maina
GATEWAY WRITER ■ @COLLINSMAINAS

A reflection on the challenges facing the queer community took place on Thursday evening, leading into a discussion on the progression of Canadian sexual orientation and gender identity equality between three key panel members.

Delwin Vriend, Barbara Findlay and Kristopher Wells focused on how, despite previous advancements, there’s more progress to be made in the fight for equality issues.

■ **“Do something remarkable, do something you are passionate about.”**

KRISTOPHER WELLS
DIRECTOR, ISMSS

Findlay, a lawyer and activist who specializes in equality rights for sexual and gender minorities, highlighted how all equality issues should be seen as one — both legally and socially.

“There is no separation in the struggles for queer rights and the struggles for rights of other people” she said.

“All of the issues are all our issues”

The discussion began with Vriend, whose landmark case ruling 15 years ago led to the inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected ground in Alberta’s Human Rights Legislation. Vriend, who was fired from his instructor position at The King’s College in Edmonton in 1991 for his sexual orientation, reflected on the financial and emotional

strain the case took on him.

“There were times when I thought I could deal with a little media, but there were times I could not respond to the phone. In fact, to this day, the ring of a telephone causes me intense anxiety,” Vriend said.

But he highlighted how many positive aspects came from his struggles and gave advice to others willing to challenge such issues.

“Take a responsibility and follow through” he said. “I chose to remain present in the media, but there are other ways, such as remaining anonymous.”

Kristopher Wells, an assistant professor and Director of Programs and Services at the U of A’s Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services, argued that social orientation and gender identity issues should be discussed in schools and communities.

“Social change does not happen with one person, it happens with all of us building that road and engaging in that dialogue together” Wells said.

He focused on legislative and social issues regarding gender identity and sexual orientation inequality, emphasizing how teachers are leading the country on LGBTQ matters.

“90 per cent of students look for information on sexual health not from their parents, but from their teachers” he said.

“At a time where we are electing new city councillors and new school board trustees in our city, we need to be vigilant and ensure that this kind of social progress moves forward, not backwards.”

“Don’t take it for granted, because we could lose it as fast as we got it,” Findlay said, claiming that people should be attentive and dedicated to

the fight for this equality.

Wells is involved in promoting the creation of “safe spaces” both in Edmonton’s public school system and the U of A. He said great progress is occurring and inclusive policy is vital to transformation. The institute and the safe spaces program were ideally created to foster a safe and supportive environment on campus.

■ **“There is no separation in the struggles for queer rights and the struggles for rights of other people.”**

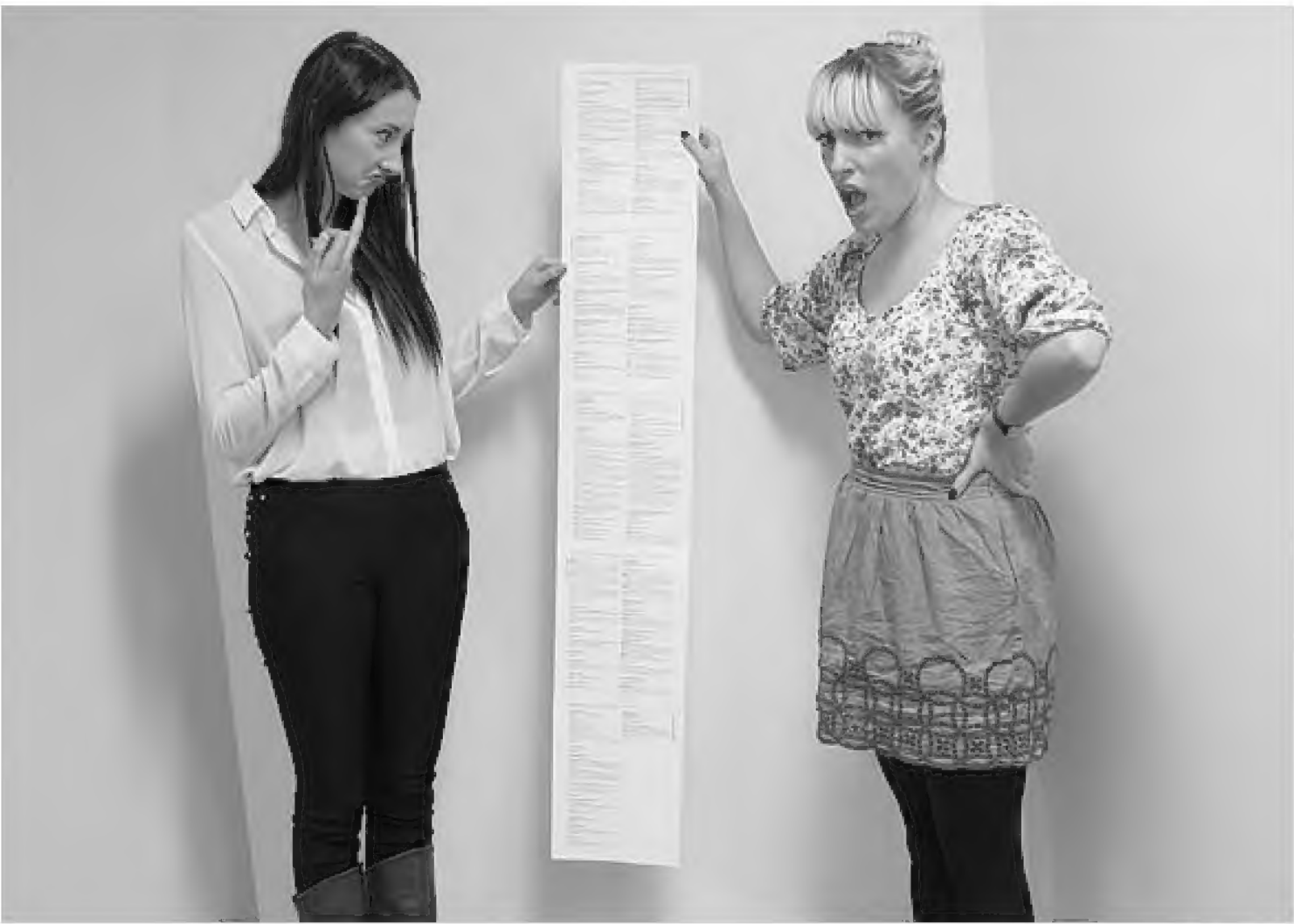
BARBARA FINDLAY
LAWYER AND ACTIVIST

“I want people fundamentally to know that their sexual orientation and their gender identity doesn’t have to be seen as their greatest barrier in life, but can be their greatest asset to achieve” he added.

The aim of the discussion panel, the first of two in Alberta, was to inform community members and students on gender identity and sexual orientation equality issues, so action may be taken on them and so that the knowledge gained may be used as a weapon for awareness and ultimately change.

“We want you to take this knowledge and go out into the world and do something; do something remarkable, do something you are passionate about.” Wells said.

“Too often we have been told that there has been something wrong with us and we want to counter-act that message. Ideally we want this to be a community where you can always be yourself.”



KEVIN SCHENK

news brief

COMPILED BY **Michelle Mark**

Course deletions no concern, Registrar says
This year’s round of course deletions recently had some University of Alberta students worried that budget cuts had reached further into faculties’ pockets, but Registrar Lisa Collins said the 94 courses to be deleted for the 2014–15 year isn’t unusual.

The University of Alberta’s course catalogue contains more than 8,800 approved courses, 6,910 of which have been scheduled this year, Collins said. The registrar’s office posted a list last week of courses from faculties such as arts, science, education and ALES that will be deleted for the 2014–15 year as part of the U of A’s annual curricular renewal.

“The generally held principle at the University of Alberta is that if a course has not been offered for that period of time, we need to remove

into alternative ways of helping financially strapped students.

Leibovici said the city would need to evaluate the best methods for allocating property tax, and how best to pay for the infrastructure already in progress.

The opening of the municipal government act means the topic of property tax distribution is back on the table, she said.

“It’s a real opportunity right now to be able to start this discussion,” she said. “We need to start looking at how we more properly allocate taxes.”

Diotte addressed students’ concerns about financial difficulties post-graduation, emphasizing his commitment to helping students.

“I’m the only candidate committed to getting taxes and debt under control so you can pay back your student loans or purchase your first home,” he said.

That first home should be in Edmonton, according to Leibovici. She focused on the need to transform Edmonton into a progressive, sustainable, world-renowned and welcoming city for students.

“Edmonton’s temperature might be cold, but in our hearts we know Edmonton is the best place to be,” she said.

Focusing on students’ current concerns, Iveson said there is a huge need for additional student housing. Referring to Edmonton as the “most underestimated city in North America,” he said the City of Champions is on the brink of “seizing its potential.”

“I think this is a remarkable time in Edmonton’s history, and this election is about charting our course for the future.”

it from our course calendar and we place it then on a reserve list,” Collins said.

“This is not a money-saving mechanism. This is about keeping our curriculum fresh and communicating clearly to students what is likely to be available while they are students with us at the University of Alberta.”

Dustin Chelen, Students’ Union Vice-President (Academic), said he’s heard student concerns about the deletions, but understands that the changes aren’t tied directly to budget cuts — particularly since the deletions were planned back in May before the university had fully determined its plans for coping with budget cuts.

“In these tight budget times, you have students keeping an eye out everywhere for information on how budget cuts could affect them, and this is one example,” he said.

“What you see is that students are trying to maintain awareness around anything that could impact their quality of experience.”

Universities join forces for communications degrees

Andrea Ross
STAFF REPORTER • @ROSSANDREA

A new collaboration between the University of Alberta and Grant MacEwan University is promising increased opportunities for communications students.

The two universities signed a letter of intent last month committing to a partnership intended to strengthen learning initiatives, special events and research between the two schools. The move is intended to improve the learning environment for students in the U of A's Communications and Technologies Graduate Program and MacEwan's Bachelor of Communication Studies Program.

“We are the two communications programs in Edmonton and we should be collaborating more intensely in these times to bring the best educational experience for the students.”

ANN CURRY
ACTING DIRECTOR, U OF A MACT PROGRAM

Ann Curry, a professor and Acting Director of the U of A's Master of Arts in Communications and Technology (MACT) program, said effective communication is more important than ever in a society that has become increasingly reliant on online technology.

“The purpose really is to maximize benefits for the students of both institutions and also to make

the best use of resources,” she said. “We are the two communications programs in Edmonton and we should be collaborating more intensely in these times to bring the best educational experience for the students.”

“We’re combining forces ... it raises the profile of both our programs.”

DENISE ROY
DEAN OF FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS, GRANT MACEWAN

The U of A's MACT program provides a practical, theoretical and historical study of communications in the digital age. The two-year degree caters to students interested in providing effective and informed leadership in using information and communications technologies (ICTs) in the workplace and in the community.

Both MacEwan University and the U of A specialize in specific aspects of communications, and Curry said the collaboration allows for faculty staff from each institution to share their expertise.

A faculty member from MacEwan University will teach a specialty course at the U of A this spring, she said.

The improvements to each program stemming from the collaboration will give a higher profile to the field of communications in Edmonton, Curry added.

“Our goals are to make sure that the expertise of existing faculty members is shared between the two institutions so that students get the best educational experience,” she said.



KEVIN SCHENK

“This will provide students with not only the best in instruction, but also give the students at MacEwan the opportunity to see that they can go on to post-graduate work in communications, which would be within our MACT program.”

Denise Roy, dean of MacEwan University's Faculty of Fine Arts & Communications, signed the letter of intent along with Katy Campbell, dean of the University of Alberta's Faculty of Extension.

Roy said the collaboration is still

in the early stages, but along with sharing faculty members, the two universities plan to sponsor speakers and visiting scholars, as well as eventually facilitate research partnerships.

“There are potential student activities where students from both programs might want to work together on something, and there might be some opportunities for grad students at the U of A to assist with some teaching or provide leadership to some undergraduate

activities here,” she said.

It's difficult to gauge the financial impact of the collaboration at this time, Roy said, but it won't be a costly endeavour for either school because most of the activities planned are improved, but not new.

“We're combining forces ... it raises the profile and the quality of both of our programs,” she said.

“I presume that will eventually impact enrolment, (because) it potentially makes both programs more attractive to students.”

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SU's Campus Cup prepares for annual kickoff

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Dodgeball enthusiasts can start practicing their spinning back-hand throws — registration for the fifth annual Campus Cup tournament opened last Thursday, and organizers are expecting the biggest turnout yet.

Organizers are hoping to register more than 1,000 students and staff from 100 teams that are prepared to face off in the Butterdome between Nov. 22 and 24. Hosted by the Students' Union, foam balls will be flying as players compete for the glory of a four-foot tall trophy.

What began as a tournament aimed at enhancing the popularity of the sport, while creating awareness for the first Break the Record attempt, has now turned into a highly anticipated yearly event, according to SU Vice-President (Student Life) William Lau.

"Dodgeball is amazing. It builds community and it's a really friendly sense of competition," he said. "It's such an easy activity to organize ... so easy to scale down or scale up."

To encourage increased participation, the tournament will feature a three-tiered system for highly competitive and experienced players, and a recreational league for those just looking to have some fun.

There will also be prizes for the top two teams, as well as for best t-shirt design, fan favourite, best sportsmanship and costume of the week.

Seventeen teams were already in line when registration opened,



DARE TO DODGE Last year's Campus Cup boasted more than 1,000 players.

FILE PHOTO: GRIFFIN CORNWALL

and Lau said he hopes the new recreation league will encourage more staff and faculty members to sign up for the tournament after a dip in participation last year.

Interest in campus dodgeball soared after the success of the 2010 Break the Record event, in which 1,198 U of A students participated

in claiming the Guinness World Record for the largest game of dodgeball.

It has since been a back-and-forth battle with the University of California, Irvine, which now takes claim to the record with 6,000 players.

Lau said the idea of another record attempt has been discussed,

but planning won't begin until December.

"I know we have much more than 'a shot' at reclaiming the world record title," he said. "In fact, we're beginning to build up a culture of breaking world records."

"With our record-breaking students, we can definitely reclaim

the title."

Lau said the SU has hired a sponsorship co-ordinator to help seek funding for another record attempt, which he said is a key aspect to making the event successful.

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WILLIAM LAU
VP (STUDENT LIFE), U OF A STUDENTS' UNION

While participation most likely won't rival that of any of the Break the Record attempts, Campus Cup organizer Alex Cameron said he's confident this year's event will provide a welcome study break for students looking for some fun.

"I think it's a really unique way that the university reaches out to the rest of campus," he said.

Anyone can participate in the tournament, regardless of athletic ability, but Cameron suggested competitive teams watch some Lister dodgeball in preparation for the tournament.

Player registration closes Nov. 18, so students and staff still have time to hone their skills.

"A good throw doesn't hurt, (but) dodgeball is just really easy to understand and learn," he said. "It's competitive, but also reminds people of elementary school again."

U of A space physicist brings research initiatives to a new level

Jee Su Suh
GATEWAY WRITER

A University of Alberta professor and space physicist has been in the spotlight recently for his chief involvement in two separate Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and NASA projects — both of which were successfully launched into space this past September.

Robert Rankin leads key scientific and IT initiatives on the Enhanced Polar Outflow Probe (e-POP), and has collaborated on the Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE), an exploration mission aimed at probing aspects of the Moon's exosphere.

"This is the most exciting part, because the data will soon be accessible from both these missions ... we get a chance to dig in deep into the things we're observing," he said.

"The greatest discoveries were all curiosity-driven."

ROBERT RANKIN
PROFESSOR AND SPACE PHYSICIST

His team's contribution to e-POP is comprised of the modelling of space plasma processes based on data collected by the satellite. This includes how particles in the Earth's magnetosphere interact with solar wind, resulting in displays of natural light called auroras. It observes ion outflows which can have adverse effects on radio communications, GPS satellite function and even power line currents.

"The idea is to ultimately move to a point where we can predict how the space environment will respond to what's happening on the sun and how that affects the

magnetosphere," he said.

Their technical contribution is the development of the Mission Planning Tool. This is software allowing other scientists to schedule experiments at optimal times based on the satellite's memory and power requirements.

The second launched mission to which he has contributed, LADEE, is a probe orbiting the moon. It's designed to help optimise and improve the cost and safety of future space by demonstrating the modular aspect of space exploration.

But Rankin's focus in the mission

is more scientific, as there are instruments on the probe that collect samples of lunar dust and study its constituents.

"This dust is very problematic as far as putting instrumentation on the moon goes. It's very fine and coats instruments and can even get inside of spacesuits and the astronauts' lungs. It's a hazard for future space missions," he said.

Rankin said he now hopes to start analyzing the data and create his computer models, yielding results which he plans to share with the geophysics student population at

the university.

"The space plasma processes are part of the overall weather pattern that we experience on Earth. So it makes sense to take some of this knowledge and integrate it into the curriculum."

When asked if economic potential is a necessity for undertaking research, Rankin said he finds higher value in the genuine curiosity of the researcher.

"That's the job of industry ... and university is not industry," he said.

"The greatest discoveries were all curiosity driven. If you take a closed

view where you're only going to look in a certain direction that's economically motivated, I think you'll miss the crux of the phenomenon you're trying to investigate."

Rankin said he anticipates the flow of data that is soon to be accessible to his research group, as he currently resides in Beijing on sabbatical.

"Immediately there will be all sorts of discoveries of the unexpected. The challenge is going into uncharted territory and it's like climbing the highest mountain; it's great to be the first person at the top."



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University of Saskatchewan's med school on probation

Anna-Lilja Dawson

CUP PRAIRIES AND NORTHERN BUREAU CHIEF

SASKATOON (CUP) — The University of Saskatchewan's College of Medicine has been put on probation for a second time, as anticipated by the university's president.

U of S President Ilene Busch-Vishniac said the implementation plan the university has created to remedy its issues with accreditation fully took into account what the accrediting committees have been discussing.

"The reality is that we were well aware that there were issues that were problematic for accreditation. We are not surprised by the decision that has come down," she said.

On Oct. 4, the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools/Liaison Committee on Medical Education (CACMS/LCME) informed the college that the Undergraduate Medical Education program will be placed on "Accreditation with Probation."

The College of Medicine is Saskatchewan's only medical school and is the first in Canada to be put on probation twice.

Busch-Vishniac assured the campus community in an Oct. 4 press release that despite the status of probation, the college is still accredited.

"Our College of Medicine remains fully accredited," she wrote. "Restructuring the medical college has been my top priority since arriving, and this latest development makes it even clearer that restructuring of the College of Medicine remains a most critical priority."

A medical school or program that has its accreditation withdrawn or is put on probation by the LCME

must inform all students that are seeking enrolment, have accepted enrolment and are currently enrolled. While on probation, programs are subject to withdrawal of their accreditation if the issues of non-compliance are not addressed within a period of 24 months.

"(Students) will be graduating from a fully accredited medical school that happens to be on probation. They have every other right that every other Canadian and U.S. student has that has LCME accreditation."

DAN HUNT
ACCREDITATION SERVICES SENIOR DIRECTOR, AACMC

Dan Hunt, co-secretary and senior director of accreditation services for the Association of American Medical Colleges, said that probation will not have any direct negative effects on students or graduates.

"(Students) will be graduating from a fully accredited medical school that happens to be on probation. They have every other right that every other Canadian and U.S. student has that has LCME accreditation. They'll be recognized as coming from an LCME-accredited school, albeit one on probation, but a fully accredited status so they have all the rights and privileges," he said.

But Hunt added withdrawal of a school's accreditation is an extremely negative and rare event.

"It is probably reasonable to note that in the 75-year existence of the

LCME there has never been a withdrawal of accreditation from an existing school," Hunt said.

The College of Medicine has been dealing with issues of accreditation since 2002 when it was put on probation until 2006 for reasons such as outdated curriculum and lack of student diversity.

Since March 2011, the college has been working on correcting 10 shortcomings that the CACMS said would need to be rectified if the college wished to maintain its accreditation.

Of the 10 issues, the arrangement of teaching duties, clinical rotations, inadequate study space at the satellite campus in Regina and the timeframe in which students received their final grades were all major concerns.

At that time, the college was given until early 2013 to rectify all of the outstanding issues or it would have been put on probation. In March of this year, accreditors returned to the U of S to re-evaluate the College of Medicine's progress.

The college has been dealing with a great imbalance between clinical work and research. In March, U of S's student newspaper, *The Sheaf*, reported that Busch-Vishniac said of the college's 250 faculty members, nearly 100 are working solely on their clinical practice. These faculty members are not teaching or doing research.

As a result, the College of Medicine is averaging only eight per cent of the university's total research — other Canadian medical colleges average 50 per cent of their institution's total research.

"Over the last year, it has become abundantly clear to us that the problems we face in the college

are structural, not a result of insufficient funding," Busch-Vishniac said.

"The College of Medicine was founded 60 years ago on a model that simply does not work for our medical school today."

"It is important for the students to hear that we are absolutely committed to turning this situation around and that we remain accredited. We will not be losing our accreditation. We cannot let that happen."

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PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

As for the near future of the college, Busch-Vishniac said that additional efforts will be put into maintaining the College of Medicine's accreditation.

"What we can do is do everything in our power to act upon what we know have been raised as issues in the recent past, and that is what we're doing with the implementation plan," she said.

"It is important for the students to hear that we are absolutely committed to turning this situation around and that we remain accredited. We will not be losing our accreditation. We can not let that happen."

The status of "Accreditation with Probation" will not affect the day-to-day operations of the college, nor will students graduating this year need to worry about graduating from an unaccredited institution.

A finalized implementation plan

for the College of Medicine will be presented to University Council on Oct. 24, where Busch-Vishniac said there will be full discussion about the college's current probationary status.

The Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan (SMSS) — the representative body for students in the College of Medicine — issued a press release on Oct. 7 in which it stated that it will continue its heavy involvement in addressing the issues that led to the college's probationary status. But, the SMSS will not take the status of probation lightly.

"As the representative body for medical students, the SMSS is taking the status of probation very seriously," the release read. "We recognize the impact that this has on the community, the university and the province as a whole. However, we hope the probation will not be viewed solely as a negative outcome, but rather as a catalyst for positive change."

A third-year nursing student at the U of S who has applied for the College of Medicine said that the status of probation with accreditation is a definite deterrent to re-applying.

"I've always wanted to go to the U of S and it has actually turned me off of it quite a bit," the student said, who wished to stay anonymous to not affect the application process. "I have a few friends who are in first, second and third year and they are telling me to apply elsewhere around Canada or even in Europe."

The student cited complaints of lack of direction from professors and a shortage of faculty members as two reasons why friends "haven't had a great med school experience."

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Downtown historic site deserves more than a strip club

FROM THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE MCLEOD BUILDING ON 100 STREET and 101 Avenue, I watch a young mother walking south towards the Central LRT station, a brightly coloured EPL bag swinging from her daughter's shoulder. As she passes the McLeod, her eyes flit up at the battered but beautiful heritage building next door that once housed a Japanese Village restaurant, but has been boarded up for years.

The boards may not be there for long though. Just last month, the city of Edmonton approved a development permit that might make the 1910 historical building the new home of Crazy Horse Gentleman's Club, opening Edmonton's burgeoning downtown core up to a gloomy future as an unwelcoming space for many populations of people and as a locale where female bodies are open for objectification.

Edmonton has six gentlemen's clubs in a wide variety of neighbourhoods, though the establishments are mostly outlying — Diamonds in the industrial region on Gateway Boulevard; Eden, tucked away on 97 St. north of the Yellowhead; Saint Pete's on 111 Ave. in the city's west end. Exotic entertainment venues can clearly survive and flourish in almost any sort of building or neighbourhood — the demand will follow the supply. Crazy Horse, in contrast, is being plopped in the Canada Permanent Building, standing kitty-corner to two major tourist hotels — the Hotel MacDonald and the Westin — and a mere stones throw from our championed Arts District, home to the Citadel Theatre, the Winspear and Churchill Square.

Admittedly, Chez Pierre, a cabaret club with a more than 40-year history, exists within the same downtown core as the proposed location for the new gentlemen's club. Located less than a block off Jasper Ave. on 105 St., Chez Pierre is nearly a historical site today, complete with celebrated mural and cultural status.

But if the argument is that exotic ventures are all part of a vibrant downtown, Chez Pierre should be enough. With a relentless municipal dialogue around opening up downtown and building an atmosphere that's not only welcoming but also beautiful, it's hard to understand the support to open a business that's useful — and even acceptable — to only a certain population of people. If Crazy Horse's application goes through, Edmonton would be doing a disservice to the work and effort that's been put into beautifying downtown and being able to locate it on the map as culturally relevant.

Some might argue that I'm sensational or a prude, but don't get me wrong — I support a woman's right to impossibly twist, contort and lift her body, baring all in exchange for cash. Having spent time in strip clubs before, I've encountered the strength and vitality of dancers, the communities they form and even the healing they do for some of their clients. Further, I'm not anti-sex. But strip clubs don't present happy nor healthy sexuality — they offer objectified female bodies for ogling audiences and occasional therapy sessions for individuals with nowhere else to turn. Perhaps the quick cash that dancers make and the fulfillment of regular attendees is enough defence for some. But those ideas are sad. It's sad that an industry that accepts and suggests that a woman's worth is linked to her sexuality will be the beacon that visitors see from their hotel room windows, or that the peelers will be a choice late night stop over other downtown local businesses that don't feature any humans with their clothes off.

While stripping isn't sexual exploitation — these are women choosing to take jobs in the entertainment business, and patrons who are choosing to spend time and money in these establishments — there's a culture that springs up around sex work, or that is revealed by it, and it's one that marks a distinction between the genders and places them within a hierarchy. Patriarchal values build webs within society that connect gender with inequality and sex with tolerance for violence, and these are too evident to suggest that strip clubs are somehow sex positive or harmless.

It's not that exotic entertainment is a somehow evil force to be shunned and relegated to the edges of the city and it's obvious that the culture of Crazy Horse will be no different than its brethren across Edmonton. In terms of the young mother with her library bag, the reality exists that she could be an exotic dancer, earning cash and building up a university fund for her child. And for visitors to Edmonton staying in the iconic Hotel MacDonald, maybe the presence of a peelers club will be a lure out into the nightlife, welcoming them to the rest of what Edmonton has to offer.

But it must be recognized that an establishment that openly puts female sexuality on display for viewing pleasure and condones it as a commodity to be bought will affect more than the dancers and patrons. I support a women's right to make a living dancing on poles and making profit on the societal values that take money from men's pockets to fund her scantily clad lap dances. But this isn't the face of the "revitalized" Edmonton downtown, nor the ideal use for a designated historical site.

Paige Gorsak
ARTS & CULTURE EDITOR



ANTHONY GOERTZ

letters to the editor

FROM THE WEB

Student enters civil union with own butt

(Re: "Financial review was cancelled due to U of A compliance, Lukaszuk says," by Michelle Mark, Oct. 09)

Comments by the Minister such as the U of A is "getting us to the point where we wanted to get to in the first place" or by the Administration that it accelerated "the timetable to reach a balanced budget at the request of government" make it important for the Chair of the Board of Governors to honour his August pledge to release the Minister's August 16th letter to the Board. Did the Minister in that letter, or did he not, insist that the University balance its budget by April 1, 2015? More is at stake here than "just" meeting the steep cut in the U of A's Campus Alberta grant. Balancing the budget by 2015 requires making more cuts — at least \$10 million worth of them — than is involved in coping with the government's failure to keep its campaign promise.

Ian Urquhart
VIA WEB

I'll be paying more for pot

(Re: "High time changes were made to medical marijuana program," by Spencer Morrison, Oct. 09)

As a patient with a 300/g per month license, I grow my own medicine for pennies per gram. Under the new rules I will be paying \$9+/g or \$2700

a month. While you are extolling the virtues of this latest attack on my freedom, can you please take the time to educate me in the art of paying \$90/day for my medication out of my \$780/month disability cheque? The Supreme Court has granted me reasonable access to my medicine, yet the new rules price it out of my reach. Over 65 per cent of Canadians favor all out legalization and, as with most of what Canadians want from their government, our 'Ruler' does the opposite. Remember what democracy was like? I sure miss it.

Chris
VIA WEB

There's no satire here

(Re: "Men's rights candidate not right," by Joel Aspdén, Oct. 02)

The patriarchy party thing is, in fact, a joke. They believe that if Nick Reading is not elected and the press condemns his idiocy, it will prove once and for all that there is no patriarchy or sexism against women. Yes, they really believe that. They truly believe that hatred towards women can only be outward and obvious crap like their so-called satire, and not a long-embedded and underlying theme in society. Like with all things in the Men's Rights Movement, this is an over-the-top in-your-face pathetic attempt at activism. They think they're so tongue-in-cheek and clever, but what have they done to help men? Absolutely nothing.

Nicholas
VIA WEB

I said it's a joke so that makes it okay

(Re: "Men's rights candidate not right," by Joel Aspdén, Oct. 02)

Joel — I hate to do this but I feel that it has to be done. The idea behind the Patriarchy Party is to take the utterly stupid and laughable nonsense that is feminist theory — particularly that of patriarchy theory — and use it as a political platform. If what Nick is saying appears as lunacy, then he has hit his goal — how can you not see something that's as glaringly obvious as that?

The society that he describes and aspires to create politically is one that feminists already think exists. He's not saying anything that they don't already believe. He's running on the basis of highlighting obvious stupidity.

You might want to consider growing a sense of humour, Joel

"Candy Pomsak"
VIA WEB

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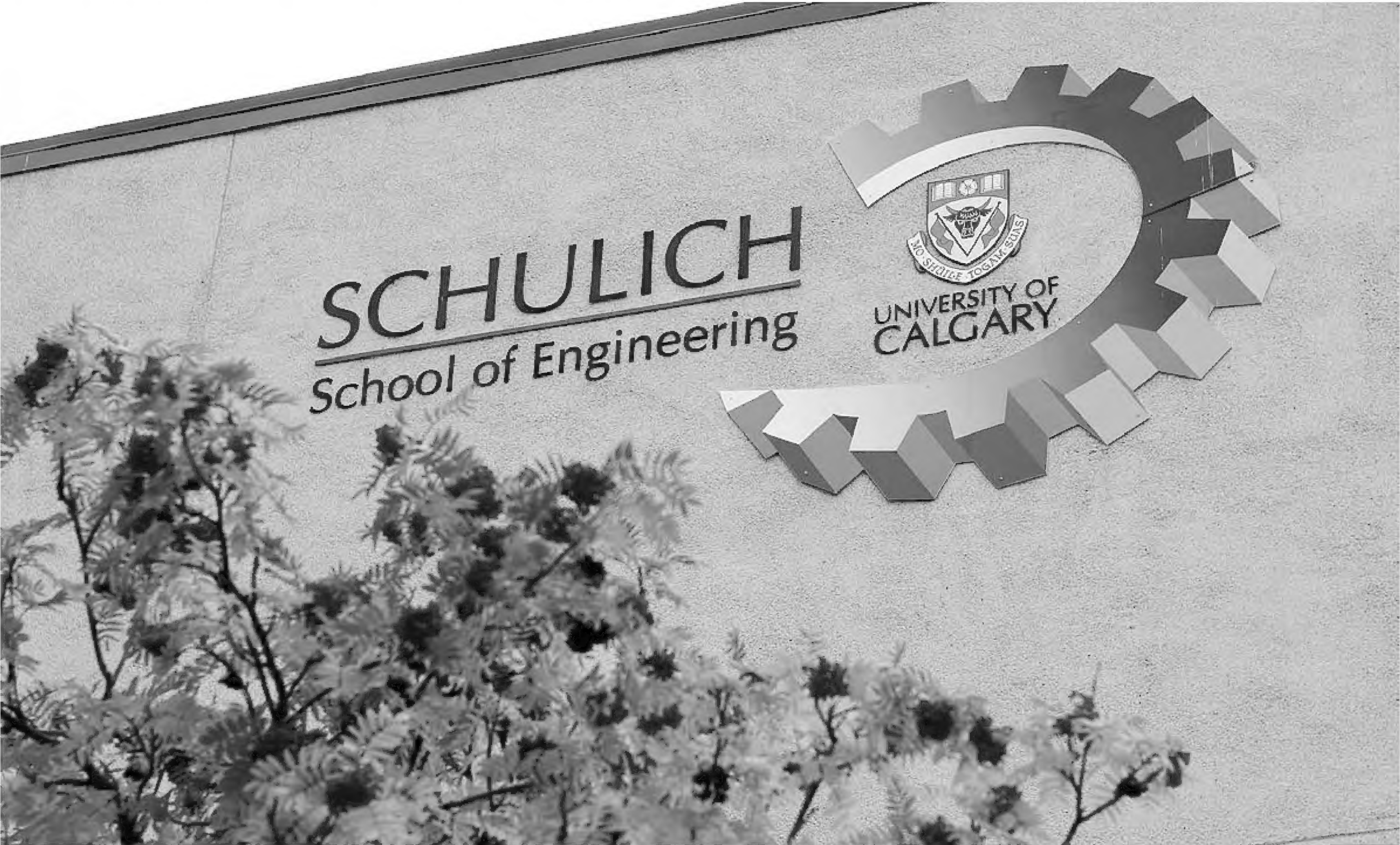
Money given to Calgary engineering school unnecessary



Hannah Madsen
OPINION STAFF

Alberta’s Minister of Education thinks he’s putting his money where his mouth is. Last week, Alberta Education and the Government of Alberta announced a \$142 million grant to the Schulich School of Engineering at the University of Calgary. This grant follows the recent and growing trend of Progressive Conservative amnesia when it comes to statements made even as recently as August and September. First, there was the cancelled audit — a complete about-face from what Minister of Advanced Education Thomas Lukaszuk insisted was necessary for the U of A to make its budget work. Then came the grant. This grant poses a couple of interesting inconsistencies as far as Lukaszuk’s assertions and supposed aims in his role as Minister of Advanced Education are concerned.

Let’s take a look at Campus Alberta. Think back to earlier this year when Premier Redford and Minister Lukaszuk declared that there should be no more duplication of programs across Alberta university campuses. How ironic is it then that this grant is being awarded to expand an engineering school, which contains duplicate programs to those offered in the Faculty of Engineering here at the U of A. While Minister Lukaszuk noted that “the engineering powerhouse” of Alberta holds the jobs, industry and talent, this justification falls flat in the face of his earlier insistence that similar programs



RANDY SAVOIE

across Alberta should be reduced and the cuts that have been made to the University of Alberta’s engineering program.

Looking at this issue from a different angle, the University of Calgary boasted in September that while the U of A had to scramble to make ends meet after the budget cuts this fall, the U of C was walking into this year’s negotiations with a completely balanced budget, meaning they didn’t have to make the types of devastating changes that have been instituted at the U of A and other institutions

throughout the province. In fact, U of C’s Haskayne School of Business had the largest hiring session that it’s had in the last decade. In an institution that clearly doesn’t need \$140 million, such a grant is both misplaced and unevenly distributed in regards to the other provincial institutions that are all sorely lacking in funds. Just looking at programs, engineering is a profession that tends to have strong ties with private and public enterprises, so they get large donations from such areas — much more so than departments in the

humanities and social sciences. It doesn’t make sense that they would receive such a huge influx of cash when they don’t need it.

The initial figure intended for the Schulich School projected in the Action Plan was \$40 million — \$100 million dollars short of the current figure granted to the school. At a point in time when institutions all over the province are putting tight restrictions on spending into place as a result of cuts, arbitrarily adding \$100 million dollars onto a projected grant without offering sufficient justification

beyond a biased personal opinion seems short-sighted and unfair to everyone else who endeavours to get an education here.

That extra \$100 million could have been used to address shortcomings in what was promised to institutions like the U of A, U of L and others, rather than thrown haphazardly at a single building to fund 400 spots for potential students. By placing the needs of a few above those of the majority, Lukaszuk has once again exhibited inconsistency and arrogance in his decision-making.

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I know it's cold season, but if you're going just going to sit there snorting snot instead of blowing your nose, I'm going to shove pencils up your nostrils
The US Government Shut-down is happening at the same time as the ISSS Organizational Break... Coincidence? I THINK NOT!!!
ISSS is on a break. But they still leave their microwave outside for the students to use. GOOD GUY ISSS!!
It either needs to sunny the fuck out or snow cats and dogs. This gloomy and rainy fall weather is causing me depression and sleep weirdness.
Why is it always so cold in CCIS?
Well. I give up. It's sweatpants time!
I've heard of FAST food, but i've never heard of SLOW food
7° outside hmm let's see quite cold, I should probably wear a JACKET to keep me roasty toasty! #havin-a-blast!
butts
what to do hmmm if i dress up as Robin Thicke on the 31st i think i'll have a good night at the bars on whyte! #erection #mileaks #myboner
What am I supposed to write in this box if I'm not a self-obsessed, narcissist?

You got it
Sex is like air, it's not important unless you aren't getting any. Wow, look how intelligent and witty I can be. Also women are awesome and I can grow a scruffy beard.
Too true
Why the fuck doesn't the gateway have a crossword anymore
I think Kanye West is overrated, rap is so easy to make. You know what's hard? Engineering, and DO NOT even try to tell me he was making 79,000 out of University cause I WILL CALL BULLSHIT
Missed Connection: You were wearing a red skirt and a white blouse. I was wearing a cape (very casually). You started screaming when I asked you if you liked close up magic
My girlfriend doesn't get that I'm an Alpha male. Like when my friend Chad and I bareback wrestle and I pin him I don't get an erection because our hot chiselled bodies are intertwined. I get one because I'm dominating, victory turns me bro
"Gravity" would have been much better if halfway through the movie they had cut to a shot of Michael Oher looking into the stands to see that Sandra Bullock's not there for his big game.
Missed Connection: You were the blonde with her friend walking down the street. I tried to kiss you. You were a Golden Retriever
Words ain't free like you and me
Shock me away

I Am Not A Lungfish is the best part of the Gateway every week.
HGP 250 is the most attractive class I've had so far in university. SO MANY ENGINEERS
Person above me is a knob
Person below me is a chump
I'm a loser
You're just jealous you ain't getting cuddles in the library.
Tell em sister.
Every three lines free is about me.
There seems to be a strangely large number of LGBTQA* submissions to 3LF. As a gay girl, this makes me very happy!
Nerdy ginger girl resides on CCIS couches.
Pokemon XY
Or more like GameFreak go die
Who wants seXY time?
Dear Comp Sci Guy. Attractive comp sci girl accepts minority position.
If I can hear your conversation from across the lecture room, you're too loud. I paid to hear the prof, not your social life.
My punk band, The Mighty Steeds, needs gigs! Mediocre talent but seek to blow minds and moisten vaginas. Contact us on our FB page!
Where did Dr. Donna go?
On consideration, I would not like to be known to sit on the CCIS couches.
Sincerely nerdy ginger girl
Did all the profs conspire to have their assignments all due the day after the long weekend?
labia

to the dude always playing his clarinet... stop.
New Topic of Discussion: Coffee Dates. When is it a date? When isn't it? Do you like or dislike coffee dates?
One Night Stand
Is all I have and I need more space for my textbooks
I'm not sure if library cuddle buds make me mad or jealous.
~i've been eating a lot of italian food recently and hey what is up with all that? i mean the meatballs, the noodles, the sauces, its like hey wheres my stuffed crust!
university green and gold day hey how about choke hold day. choke hold.
three lines free? i'll have my three lines for free please and how much does just one cost for future reference
its*
Description of the sexiest person in your class, go:
They're dying for a dance with you, so play that haunting refrain
I want to take you to OJ's again
lotta homestuckers not listening in lectures, I see...
It's Wednesday here at the Gateway and you know what that means!
DING
I hate candy corn
the best Halloween candy will always be the tiny Oh, Henry!
Followed by the tiny Jersey Milk.
I have unwavering sadness

Lukaszuk is like an evil manager in a wrestling angle. BUT HE'LL NEVER DEFEAT MY UNDERTAKER!!!
It's Van Helsing vs. the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!
best halloween date movie: HORRORS OF SPIDER ISLAND
but you're not a man, you're a chicken, boo!
chests (all)
at thanksgiving dinner "hey don't be a chicken, and finish your turkey!" LOL DAD omg haha ~good times with the in laws~
to the asian exchange girl in sub: i apologise for both my words and the rough tone i voiced them in. but seriously, a reasonable person would know that that much nutella and palm oil would cost too much anyway, to cover an entire body.
Extremely attractive man has received no applications.
3LF: The number one missed connection service for dogs and other small animals.
Morty, If you're reading this, I'm trapped under an abandoned school bus. Send help. I'm thirsty.
Funniest haiku sent to 3LF makes the front page next week. Get to work my pets.
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Cuts to graduate research will lead to long term losses



Spencer Morrison
OPINION WRITER

The University of Alberta’s “Top 20 by 2020” goal is nothing more than a pipe dream if the Faculty of Graduate Studies is allowed to bleed out in the current round of budget cuts. Thriving graduate programs are critical to the U of A’s drive for international recognition and must be preserved and expanded, even at the expense of undergraduate programs.

According to the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings*, the U of A is ranked at number 121, a long way off from that top 20 goal. Many have mistakenly argued that because of the recent budget cuts, including the additional \$84 million over the next two years, we’ll be unable to ascend the rankings — but this is false. There are a number of universities, such as Canada’s own McMaster University at number 88, with significantly smaller financial endowments than our own, currently beating us. The U of A can’t be deluded into conflating academic success with money. It’s the intellectual vitality and ingenuity of both students and professors



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that is the hallmark of a successful university.

That’s not to say money is irrelevant, but like most things, it depends on how it is used, not how much there is in total. Graduate programs are the cornerstones of

the university system, as it’s the interaction between determined and vigorous graduate students and knowledgeable professors that produce the most creative and novel research, which both benefits mankind and puts us on the academic

map. Evidence of this can be seen in the focus most top universities place on graduate studies. For example, 49 per cent of the students at Oxford University, 35 per cent at Cambridge, 33 per cent at Cornell and 31 per cent at the University of

Michigan are in graduate programs. At the U of A, only 19 per cent of students are enrolled in graduate programs. In order to join the top echelon of universities, the U of A must refocus on attracting and retaining graduate students by ensuring uninterrupted investment in graduate programs despite the spectre of budget cuts.

Since it’s necessary to exempt graduate programs from budget cuts if the University is going to become a world-class institution — which is in everyone’s interest, as all boats rise with the tide — then logically the cuts must come from undergraduate programs. This is the better option for the U of A as a whole since undergraduate programs are not only larger and will feel the impact to a lesser degree, but students pursuing undergraduate studies have more options in terms of locations to study. Whereas a graduate student whose program is cut may need to leave the province or even the country to continue their studies, there are multiple local universities and colleges offering undergraduate programs.

Provided the budget cuts are targeted with foresight and graduate programs remain in the spotlight, the U of A’s rise to become a leading, world class university should continue.



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the burlap sack

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Talking about global warming while wearing a fedora and consuming copious quantities of coffee has everything to do with being an ideological hipster, but nothing to do with being open-minded. This week, every pompous political aficionado and ignorant ideologue who misunderstands and lays claim to the phrase “open-minded” is being shoved, face-first into the burlap sack.


Being open-minded is a good thing. Having picked up on this, every politician and ideologue lays claim to that distinction, branding their own beliefs as open-minded and opposing viewpoints as dogmatic. The result is that more popular ideological stances “win

out,” and are conflated with being open-minded itself. At this point, opposing viewpoints are ignored, characterized as emanating from a narrow-minded fringe. This process strangles the diversity from political and social discourse, to everyone’s detriment.


The problem stems from these ideological idiots not understanding the relationship between open-mindedness and ideologies. Being open-minded means that every belief you hold is open to questioning, and you are willing to modify your beliefs in response to new information. Ideologies, on the other hand, are a rigid sets of beliefs that follow their own internal logic.

Open-mindedness is a process to arrive at beliefs while ideologies are groups of beliefs themselves. You can be open-minded about your beliefs, but your beliefs are not open-minded, despite what political geeks will tell you.

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Cheese needs to be way cheaper



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Cheese: it's damn delicious, but also ridiculously expensive. There are many days when I want nothing more than to grab a nice piece of cheese and eat it in front of my television. Unfortunately, due to obscene price gouging, government importation controls and monopolies, cheese has turned into a luxury snack, and big dairy wants to keep it this way. The dairy industry in Canada is an outdated monopoly that benefits producers at the expense of consumers, and it's time for this to end.

Throughout the past few decades, there's been more liberalization of trade in Canada; however, the dairy industry is among the least free and open in the country. All dairy products in Canada are governed by the Canadian Dairy Commission Act, which instituted strict production and importation quotas, price controls and import tariffs. The main purpose of this act is to make sure Canada has a thriving dairy industry and that all dairy farmers are able to earn a decent wage. But in the era of ever-increasing liberalization, it appears to now simply be a way to shake down honest cheese consumers. Where there seems to have been little government concern about the outsourcing of any and all industrial production — leaving thousands of working men and women unable to find fulfilling employment — it seems absolutely ridiculous that the dairy industry should enjoy such lofty privileges.

Another major issue with the cheese price gouging that's carried out by the dairy industry is that this monopoly prohibits innovation and betterment within the industry. When a farmer or area is only allowed to send so many products to market per year, there's no incentive to come up with more productive methods or reduce wastage.



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Whereas many industries have been deregulated for the benefit of the industries themselves, as they had no incentive to innovate before there was foreign competition, dairy occupies a government safeguarded fortress similar to those other favourites of Canadian consumers: the big three telecom giants Bell, Telus and Rogers.

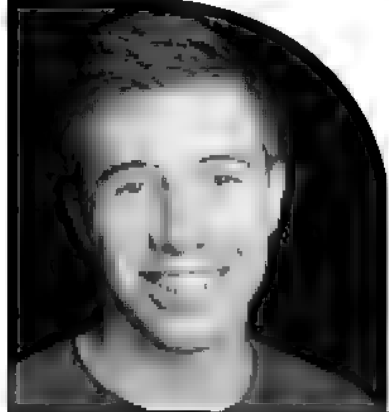
This isn't to say that the dairy industry is intentionally screwing over Canadian cheese lovers and looking to bilk them out of their hard-earned cash in exchange for any lump of milk-fatty goodness; it's just a bit unfair.

If our government was really as committed to free trade and open markets as they say they are, they would repeal the current Dairy Commission Act and let the invisible hand of free market justice

decide what Canadians should pay for cheese. If Italian dairy conglomerates are able to flood our markets with delicious Mozzarella di Bufala Campana, and Englishmen who store cheese in caves can bring better cheddars, so be it. There are an amazing amount of cheeses around the world at very attractive price points. Unfortunately, the government is seemingly intent on keeping this archaic, dairy monopoly in place, lest those precious dairy farmer votes go somewhere else.

I dream of a day when cheese is an affordable commodity enjoyable by everyone, not just the well-off. Hopefully a politician will one day have the courage to stand up to big dairy, and usher in an era of artery-clogging deliciousness across our country.

Quanto the police canine was just a dog



Joel Aspden
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"Man's best friend" is a telling phrase that sums up the relationship that canines and humans have formed. For millennia, we've bred the domesticated dog into a species that appeals to our emotions and our desire for cuteness. Many of us see dogs as quiet companions whose capacity for comfort never decreases. But at the end of the day, they're still just dogs and Quanto's death is an unfortunate cost of police business.

When I heard about the death of Quanto, the police service dog who died after being stabbed multiple times by a man fleeing a stolen car, I was genuinely saddened. I've always loved dogs, and when it comes to violence against animals in any form, I tend to respond with spite and anger. I'm sure that's the case for many others too. There's just no reason to hurt a defenseless animal.

On the one hand, Quanto was just a dog, a proud German Shepherd who liked to play with his handler and enjoyed treats as much as

the next canine. But with over 100 arrests under his collar — was far from defenseless. He was a highly trained, dedicated service dog with razor-sharp choppers that would've made any criminal cower in fear. He was also backed-up by some of Edmonton's finest human officers.

While my initial reaction to the news that Quanto had been stabbed and killed was anger, I quickly brushed it off as a minor tragedy and continued with my day. Others didn't follow suit and obviously felt a stronger connection to the story.

Not surprisingly, the news trickled on for days. Outcries for stronger punishments for abuse and violence towards service dogs were heard, and Const. Matt Williamson, Quanto's handler, was bathed in sympathy by his fellow Edmontonians. It's true that there are no special lines in the law for dealing with criminals who attack or kill service dogs, and there definitely should be. But at the end of the day, we're still just talking about dogs.

Some claim that our canine friends have a capacity for pain comparable to humans, and that they even experience a range of dog-emotions that humans can understand to some extent. Yet it's

important to keep in mind that dogs have been purposely bred to feel more human to us than other animals. They're constantly looking at our eyes for cues, and their behaviours signal us to feed, pet and play with them. Most importantly, dogs have been bred to learn our commands easily. When trained, they will blindly — or bravely, depending on how you see it — take on any task that they're given. And yes, in the case of service dogs, that means even without regard for their own lives.

The fact that we haven't lost a service dog in Edmonton in 15 years comes as a surprise. It's clear that the killing of service dogs is not a common occurrence in our city, and being that they're involved in the upholding the law, I feel like they've had a pretty good track record.

When we anthropomorphize to the extent of shrouding our objectivity, we can lose sight of the goal at hand: it's evident that our laws could use a change. A maximum of five years for someone completely disregarding the life of an unknowing animal seems like getting off easy, but Quanto's death is not the worst thing to happen to Edmonton this year. Tomorrow is a new day, and bigger fish need frying.

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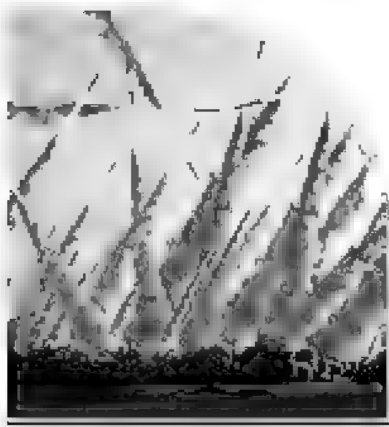
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A gathering of gruesome irrational fears to haunt you



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Halloween is around the corner and spooky forces will be out to play. But some of us have fears that are a little more irrational than others. *The Gateway* has created a list of their weirdest fears.

Graham Hornig

The first time I walk into someone's home, an irrational anxiety sweeps over me. I can't tell exactly what will get to me first, the clouding of my senses or the mere sight of it, but I live in fear for the fate that I might face. Its hairy face. Nails and teeth. Piercing — meow.

Cats. I avoid them like the plague. Firstly, there's the allergies. As far as allergies go for me, cats seem to be it, and I believe I was born this way for a reason. It's a sort of warning for how much worse it could get if I don't abide by this threat to my health. Things could escalate from sneezing to gouged eyes to severe blood loss to death. And it happens faster than you'd think.

"Cats are cuddly, they're cute. They purr and shit in a box," you might be saying. Firstly, they have retractable claws. What the hell kind of animal has retractable claws? Cats, and that's about it. One second it could be selfishly enjoying a belly rub from you, and the next moment it's got a set of claws attached to the body of a self centered furball that's determined to get its way. And its way is often getting tuna and then licking its own balls. If I'll ever let a cat anywhere near me — and only in the most extremely necessary situations — I insist on it being well fed and nails trimmed. And caged. And in handcuffs — cat handcuffs.

Spencer Morrison

Have you ever been on your way out of a public washroom and stopped to wonder about that little pile of paper towels huddled in the corner next to the door? You know what I'm talking about — they're huddled together for companionship, abandoned and forgotten and a world away from their brothers and sisters who have managed to find asylum in the garbage can not 10 feet away. These lost sons and daughters of the paper towel dispenser, doomed to shame and ridicule, have me to blame, as I am desperately afraid to touch bathroom door handles with my bare flesh.

Let me educate you on how this fear manifests itself. After doing my business in the bathroom, I wash my hands and dry off. Now comes the hard part. I gaze at the



BIRDS OF A FEATHER TERRORIZE TOGETHER A seagull could totally kill you.

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door — the handle floats there like a ghost, craving my supple touch. If it's busy enough, I try to time my approach so that I reach the doorway just as someone is opening it from the outside so no paper towels need perish. But if I'm alone with no hope of rescue, I'm forced to sacrifice a paper towel to open the door to appease my own irrational fears. I beg your forgiveness.

Joel Aspden

I love being on the water, whether it's on a boat, a seadoo, waterskiing or tubing. That being said, I don't like being in the water — especially when I can't see the bottom. It doesn't matter if it's a lake or an ocean, if I'm floating in the water and my feet are disappearing into nothingness below me, I'm not a happy buoy.

Every year when we were young, my family and I would go camping lakeside in B.C. near Salmon Arm. Salmon Arm, in addition to being the name of a city, is also the name of an adjacent lake. Whenever we'd head out on the water, my brother would always be scared to go swimming out of fear that the salmon arms would reach up and grab him. Maybe that fear seeped into me a little bit.

But it's the seaweed, too. I've never met anyone who's appreciated being caressed by a slimy water plant, and you always feel it when you least

expect it. If nothing else though, my irrational fear of deep water has made me a better swimmer, as I keep my legs right near the surface of the water.

Andrew Jeffrey

For years, I've been cruelly and unfairly ridiculed for an odd but completely legitimate sense of foreboding that surfaces every time I venture near the life-sized hunks of polystyrene created by some psycho only looking to sell clothes, ignorant to the fact he was introducing a menace that would plague our shopping malls until the end of time. But how anyone could possibly disagree with the fear that grips me every time I walk through a clothing store is beyond my understanding.

I am, of course, talking about mannequins.

Yes, they may seem harmless, lifeless as they are, but stand too close to a mannequin and you can't help but get the feeling that it might just reach out and wrap its thin, plastic fingers around your neck. The more lifelike someone tries to make a mannequin, the worse this feeling gets. No matter what facial features you add, it will never look like anything but a stone cold killer. Giving it a face only gives it a pair of eyes to follow you as you walk around its territory, forever reminding you that there is no escape.

And don't even get me started on

wax people, ventriloquist dummies and those creepy porcelain dolls that only a fool would let anywhere near their bedroom. The people who work to try and make these objects look like real people inevitably fail every time, leaving us only with these intensely creepy things that are intent on haunting our dreams for the rest of our days.

Oh, and you just know they're plotting something evil once they rise up to crush their human creators. Trust me, you'll see. All in good time.

Hannah Madsen

Ever since the summer of 10th grade when my braces were removed and I was allowed to start wearing contacts, I've had a deep and completely irrational fear that I will fall asleep wearing my contacts and wake up to find one of them stuck behind my eyeball — permanently.

This all began because I found that I would go to sleep and wake up with my contacts almost glued to my eyes. It was a literal assessment — several of them tore when I tried to take them out because my eyes would dry up so much when I was sleeping. Add to this issue the fact that I had fragments of these broken contacts get stuck up in the corners of my eyes a couple of times and maybe this fear isn't completely unfounded.

The weird part comes from my

reluctance to believe that contacts could come off my eyes when they move around while sleeping. Every time I go to sleep and forget to take my contacts out, I wake up and have a moment of panic where I don't want to open my eyes just in case my vision is in its normal blurry state devoid of my contacts and I'm damned forevermore to have that feeling of something stuck where I can't quite reach it.

Darcy Ropchan

My one true genuine fear is birds. Birds of all shapes, sizes and colours scare the living hell out of me. Before you double over with laughter, hear me out. Those feathery fiends are up to no good.

It all started with a nightmare about birds swarming my room when I was three years old. Ever since then, I've been afraid of birds and haven't been able to trust them.

Sure, birds look pretty in a picture or on a nature documentary or fried in a skillet in some mushroom soup and served over saffron rice, but have you ever seen a real live bird up close? They're hideous. And birds always look so mad all the time. An animal who can fly has nothing to be mad about.

The next time you see one of these feathery fuckers, chase them away. A bird is just waiting for the right moment to swoop in and make you its prey — or shit on you.



GSJS Annual General Meeting

Monday, 21 October 2013

(Location to be announced)

5pm

Tentative Agenda

1. Introductory remarks
2. Approval of 2012-13 GSJS Audit
3. Bylaw changes
4. Announcements
5. Refreshments

All members (i.e., those with five or more Gateway contributions in the 365 days prior to October 21 and who have registered for membership with a Gateway editor) are asked to attend. If you have made five or more contributions to the Gateway in the 365 days prior to October 21 and would like to become a member, please contact the Editor-in-Chief at eic@gateway.ualberta.ca. This meeting is also open to the public.

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Fat Positive

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Quetzala Carson is fat. She has been her entire life. As a child, her mother would point out other fat women on the street and suggest that Carson lose weight. She grew up longboarding, riding bikes and playing in bands and says her size never had a huge impact on her. But the little things cut her in a way comments from family members couldn't, as she remembers how she would wear bell-bottoms because they were the only pants that came in her size.

"It sounds so stupid to be like, 'I had to wear T-shirts because I couldn't wear v-necks,' and it's so heartbreaking, but it really does affect your life, you know? The fact that you can't fit in with anyone else," the third-year University of Alberta Native Studies student says.

She quietly came to an epiphany about her self-view while naked, sitting alone on a hotel room carpet. She was "super depressed, hating life and hating everything" — her dad had recently passed away and she was preparing to perform at We Day, a leadership conference for teens. Looking at herself in the mirror, she realized it was time to make a change — and it had nothing to do with the numbers on the scale.

"I was just like, 'Who am I to stand in front of these kids and tell them to change the world? Who am I to do all this stuff if I'm just hating on myself?' That was the moment where I decided that I need to love myself and believe in myself so I can go on to be a good person."

Carson struggled to find a community that shared this point of view — googling "Edmonton body positive" came up with nothing. Out of this, she created Body Happy YEG, an Edmonton-based think tank group focused on creating a body-positive and fat-positive environment.

Conversation on fat positivity, a social movement looking to abolish anti-fat biases in social spheres, is rapidly popping up in both classrooms and chat-rooms alike. While it's something the western world has yet to fully embrace, it proves we may not know as much about fat people as we'd like to think.

Most of us are familiar with statistics about the dangers of obesity. The Canadian Obesity Network reports that "One in four adult Canadians and one in 10 children are clinically obese," meaning they have a Body Mass Index of 30 or higher. A joint report from the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Institute for Health Information also warns of "associations between obesity and the incidence of type 2 diabetes, asthma, gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis, chronic back pain, several types of cancers and major types of cardiovascular disease."

With these stats in mind, the fat positive movement naturally doesn't come without its criticisms. Carson Liu, a Los Angeles bariatric surgeon, was quoted in monstersandcritics.org saying that he "cringe(s)" at knowing more and more people are accepting being fat and doing it proudly, "in light of the fat positivity movement."

Arya Sharma, professor and chair of Obesity Research and Management at the U of A, writes in a 2011 blog post that "obesity deniers" often use similar strategies and arguments used by smokers to discredit suggestions of an "obesity epidemic," citing strategies like personal anecdotes and discrediting published studies.

But Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles reported that in a three-year study of coronary artery disease where they observed 14,739 patients — some who had coronary artery disease and some who didn't — fewer patients measured as "obese" and "overweight" died from cardiac death than "normal" weight patients. Similarly, a study led by U of

epidemiologist Antigone Oreopoulos found that in patients with chronic heart failure, overweight and obese patients had "lower all-cause and cardiovascular mortality rates."

So can fat people be as healthy — or healthier — than thin people?

With roots in the 1960s, Health At Every Size (HAES) is a lifestyle movement focused on promoting health behaviours and size acceptance rather than weight loss. The movement is associated with improvements to blood pressure, health behaviours and positive psychosocial outcomes and is a response to study results showing that many people regain the weight they lost after being put on traditional diet-and-exercise routines.

Mary Forhan, an Assistant Professor in Occupational Therapy and obesity researcher at the U of A, supports the approach, but notes that as with any practice, HAES needs to be considered on an individual basis.



"I think it is possible to be overweight and be obese and still be healthy, but I don't think that everyone who is overweight or has obesity can be healthy," she says.

But Forhan has yet to come across a patient that suffers from a disease that derives solely from obesity. It may increase one's risk for conditions such as arthritis or diabetes, but genetics and environmental factors can play a significant role as well. As an occupational therapist, Forhan's job isn't to help people lose weight; but rather to help them navigate their own environment better. But she adds that focusing on the scale when trying to live a healthy lifestyle may be detrimental.

"Numbers on the scale aren't always an accurate feedback in terms of how healthy you are," she says.

"You're going to get disappointed and frustrated and stop whatever (you're) doing that actually could be improving your cardiac health or mental health that you can't tell ... So by simply stepping on a scale (and making an assessment) based on the number that comes back to you is setting yourself up for failure."

Kristin Rodier, a PhD candidate at the U of A, argues that fat acceptance isn't a health issue, but rather a social one. She says that many health statistics present in studies are funded by a multi-billion dollar diet industry, but also notes the common discourse of stigmatizing people under the guise of being "concerned for their health."

"There's always two things going on: I can protest and say the facts are wrong about fat being unhealthy, or I can say that even if it is unhealthy, the stigma isn't deserved," she says.

Rodier adds that common arguments surrounding obesity's strain on the healthcare system are unfounded. While the Canadian Obesity Network estimates the "total cost of obesity" on the Canadian healthcare system to ring in around \$6 billion annually, it's nearly impossible to directly correlate obesity with health issues.

She also points out that weight wears a special stigma compared to other "risky" behaviours, such as extreme athletes or workaholics. Spinal cord injuries alone are estimated to cost the Canadian healthcare system \$3 billion annually, while research done by the Toronto-based Centre for Addiction and Mental Health estimates the cost of depression at a staggering \$51 billion.

"There are all kinds of risky behaviours that put people's health at risk and we really value those choices. For example, people who participate in extreme sports," Rodier explains.

"Even if (fat people) did (cost society more), we would still be weirdly picking on them, because their choices don't conform with the body norm or the body ideal."

At the same time, she's critical of "real women have curves" fat positive movements, noting that all women, even thin women, experience body shame. Instead, Rodier thinks we should see fatness as a social justice issue where we combat social stigma that sees fatness as a tragedy.

"People think fat positive means that you want everyone to be fat. All I want is for people to have the body that is the result of their environment and their choices, and to not be stigmatized on the basis of that. Whether they are fat because of their choices, their genes, or a 'disorder,' they deserve full social respect," she says.

Statistics aside, Rodier and Carson agree that fat doesn't define a person.

"As a fat woman who's totally fine with being fat and totally fucking loving life, I have no problem with someone else who's trying to lose weight, and that's their decision just like they should have no problem with me doing what I want with my body," Carson says.

"It took me years to come to terms with the word 'fat'... I was like, 'That's an insult. That's kind of rude.' But now... it's not an insult. It's not a compliment. It's just a fact: I think someone saying, 'I'm a fat person' is really inspiring."

Getting everyone on board with this idea hasn't been easy for Carson, and Body Happy YEG is still a small group, boasting 15 members on its Facebook group. She muses that our society makes it hard to accept your body the way it is, and it will take time for more people to jump on the fat positive movement. In the meantime, she encourages her peers to take on a different kind of naked epiphany, stripping away the layers they've been dressed in by society.

"In order to be in a body positive community, you have to accept your body first. You have to take off everything that we're socially conditioned to think and supposed to be," she says.

"I just want to see what we can do to make people feel like humans beings."

Edmonton's

2013 MAYORAL RACE

Interviews by Shannon Kovalsky, Cameron Lewis and Sarah Lazin • Illustrations by Anthony Goertz

Edmonton's 2013 municipal election will see city council facing one of its most extensive overhauls in recent memory. Of the 12 council seats up for grabs, six of them are without incumbents, leaving the opportunity for fresh voices to fill city hall. The mayoral race has three current councillors — Kerry Diotte, Don Iveson and Karen Lebovici — vying for the position alongside fellow contenders Josh Semotiuk, Gordon Ward and Kristine Acielo. In preparation for voting day on Oct. 21, *The Gateway* sat down with mayoral candidates Diotte, Iveson and Lebovici to discuss their thoughts on student and civic issues.

Some responses were shortened for length. Visit gtwy.ca later this week for podcast interviews with the mayoral candidates.

In what way do you value post-secondary institutions in Edmonton?

Leibovici: I believe it's very important. Post-secondary institutions are one of our largest employers, they are an economic driver and they place us on the international and national scene. They attract world-leading innovators and researchers to our city, and it's essential for our role as an entrepreneurial hub. I put forward a news release recently (stating that) great colleges and universities build great cities and that I will champion their cause with regards to funding cutbacks that have been taken recently.

What role do you see the University of Alberta playing if you are elected?

Leibovici: They are a key institution in the city for promoting the city, for attracting people to come to the city, for ensuring people want to stay in our city and for creating jobs.

What was your response to the budget cuts to the U of A and other post-secondary institutions?

Leibovici: I put out a news release indicating what I would do as a mayor to bring together post-secondary presidents, student leaders, chamber of commerce and EEDC (Edmonton Economic Development Corporation) so we can stand united and continue discussing with the province how we are going to fight for sustainable funding for post-secondary institutions.

You mentioned that you believe the university is a good way to keep people in Edmonton, yet many students leave Edmonton after attending university. What would you do to make Edmonton a more desirable place to stay?

Leibovici: First and foremost, we have 100,000 students that come into the city to live here and a large number come from outside of Edmonton, from across the country and worldwide. I think we need to work in concert with the post-secondary institutions to be a more welcoming city for those 100,000 that come to our city in September. We don't have a city-supported way to welcome people to the city and I think we can play a stronger role in that. I talk about the city of Edmonton being a city of opportunity, and we need to work with the post-secondary institutions and the graduates to show how we are a city of opportunity for them and that this is a great place to stay to find openings for starting their careers. We have a good quality of life and an affordable quality of life here, with regards to our cost of living versus other cities in Canada.

How would you ensure there are career opportunities available to Edmontonians?

Leibovici: We will make sure that Edmonton stays strong as an economic powerhouse, which means promoting ourselves as the capital city, and promoting ourselves across the country and worldwide. Also, we need to maintain stability, ensure we maintain our course and build on the momentum that we have, which is one of the primary reasons that I'm running. I will bring leadership ability to the mayor's chair to bring together a brand new council and to continue the forward momentum.

Why do you think it's important for young adults to come out and vote?

Leibovici: This order of government is the closest to us. The decisions that we make on council affect people's daily lives. It's important to ensure that young adults have the ability to shape the direction of this city.

How will you keep young people engaged in municipal politics after the election?

Leibovici: I believe we should have representation of younger Edmontonians on our commissions and boards. I've put forward the idea that I believe there should be youth representatives on committees. Also, I'll continue to support youth council and our NextGen groups.



For many students, public transportation plays a big part in how they get to and from work, school and home. You've recently stated your support for implementing Smart Bus in our city; would you make this a priority if you're elected?

Leibovici: Absolutely. I want to fast track that initiative. I also don't want us to have any delays in the building of the south-east-west LRT line and I would work with the provincial government to ensure the funding is there to complete that line.

Do you have plans regarding the city's bike lanes?

Leibovici: I supported the network and the idea. What I believe we need to do is engage in better communication with the community as well as the people using the bike lanes, because in some instances, the bike lanes are not in locations that are safe for cyclists. I believe we need to better communicate and understand what the traffic conditions are and circulation patterns are in order to decide where those bike paths should go.

Mayor Stephen Mandel has been very vocal about turning Edmonton into a world-class city. What are your thoughts on that and do you plan to take the same approach?

Leibovici: Absolutely, and I think we need to push that even further. In my role as president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, I had the opportunity to develop relationships with other mayors and other presidents of similar associations from across the world. I would use some of those relationships to ensure that Edmonton would become world-renowned and that around the world people understand what a great city we are.

A recurring topic this election has been the issue of urban sprawl. How do you respond to critics who argue that the long-term maintenance of new developments is less cost-effective than focusing on infill in established neighbourhoods?

Leibovici: It's all a matter of balance. We need to build inwards, outwards and upwards. We need to provide housing affordability and choice because if we don't, our 24 neighbouring municipalities will and we will lose the opportunity to have people in business and industrial development within our boundaries. We need to accommodate the people that move into our city and that's what a balanced approach will do.

When you look at our new neighbourhoods, they are built with a higher density — 30–50 per cent are multi-family — than our older neighbourhoods. That doesn't mean that we should not also be encouraging infill in those older neighbourhoods. What I proposed is a red-tape elimination commission to make the development easier for those who want to put in place infill housing.

Speaking of infill in older neighbourhoods, do you have a proposal to revitalize the downtown area?

Leibovici: Absolutely, and that's why I was the only candidate to vote for the arena and entertainment district from day one, because that will be a catalyst and help to revitalize the downtown, and that's key to ensuring we keep up-and-comers in the city of Edmonton.

KAREN LEIBOVICI

In what ways do you value post-secondary education in Edmonton? What role do you see the U of A specifically playing during your tenure as mayor if you're elected?

Iveson: I grew up around the U of A; my mom is a professor around here, so the importance of the U of A has been deep in my family. I went to summer camps here, I got my political science degree from here and I spent an awful lot of time on this campus working for students, so the importance of everything that happens here I have a reasonably good sense of. But since I became a city councillor, I see the research that happens here, I understand how important it is that we have highly skilled people coming out of all disciplines in this university. They are the innovators in tomorrow's economy, they are the talent in the jobs that don't exist yet, that's why post-secondary — not just the U of A — is critical. From NAIT to MacEwan to NorQuest to Kings, (they're) all critical to Edmonton's long term success. From the supply of great labour to the innovation that comes out of here, it is a big part of our economy.

What was your response to the budget cuts for the U of A and other post-secondary institutions?

Iveson: My response on the day of the budget — and the press didn't pick it up at city hall — but they came to me on the day of the budget and asked what my response was, and I said, 'This is not a bad day for municipalities, but this is a really bad day for post-secondary,' and that didn't get picked up at the time and that was my thinking on the day of the budget. Certainly the mayor spoke out in the State of the City address in April. I wrote a blog post responding to that and I completely agree with what he said, (about) how important post-secondary is to Edmonton and how shortsighted the cuts are that the provincial government has brought on these institutions.

Many students choose to move away from Edmonton once they graduate. Why do you think that is and how would you plan to make Edmonton a more desirable place to stay?

Iveson: It's inevitable that some are going to move away, and I think it's critical that those people have a positive experience while they're in Edmonton, so when they leave they think, 'Well, I left Edmonton, but it was a great place to be while I was there and I would recommend it to you. The U of A is a great school and Garneau is an awesome place to live.' So we need to leave people with a positive experience even if they choose not to stay here. And of course, we want to create a great urban experience, great night life, we want to ensure there is good transit and I think one of the most important things to get people to stay here is interesting jobs. Not just high paying jobs, which we have, but interesting jobs in interesting fields. That's why things like Startup Edmonton are so important, because they are where the new companies are being built right now in Edmonton that skilled grads can go work for. Whether they are comp-sci people, commerce grads or sociology grads, there are different kinds of companies being built all the time, and having that climate of innovation here is critical to having people excited about staying here to build their lives, build their own companies, raise their own families and all of that.

Why is it important for young adults to come out and vote, and how do you plan to keep them engaged in municipal politics after the election?

Iveson: Everybody ought to care about our democracy; it's kind of an important institution. But the decisions that the city government makes directly affects students because they are commuters, they live in housing and the city has a huge influence over what happens in the city's housing market and the choice of housing, and we are an important advocate potentially for funding post-secondary education. It isn't our jurisdiction, but we are sure allowed to have an opinion about it — especially considering how important it is to Edmonton. So it should matter to Edmonton to have city builders at city hall who understand what building globally competitive, great urban cities is about, because we want them to choose Edmonton as a place to stay. It is also important to have strong advocates at city hall for all of the great things happening in Edmonton that we have to defend, including public education.

A major goal of Mayor Stephen Mandel's was turning Edmonton into a world-class city. Do you plan to take the same approach? How would you go about doing so? And how do you view Edmonton?

Iveson: I think the mayor has left an indelible mark on the city, and it was actually Councillor (Tony) Caterina at the very last council meeting who said it best. He said, 'The mayor has fundamentally altered the destiny of this city.' Now, I'm paraphrasing, (but) he basically said (Mandel) has led us to aspire to greatness; he's unshackled us from our complacency. The one thing I would quibble with the mayor on is I find the term 'world-class' to be just an awful cliché around city hall. I think the reason that it bothers me is that it implies that as soon as (we) are world class, you can kind of kick back and relax ... when it's really actually about a global competition for talent, a global competition for reputation, a global competition for investment. When we realize that we are always in that competition — and it isn't only with Sherwood Park and Calgary, it's with great cities everywhere in the world that we have to compete to thrive — then I think that gives us a different kind of hunger than just being after world-class. It's not about reputation, it's about performance. I think we can refine it and focus our ambition on being a globally competitive city in the areas where we have strength: being a city of learners, being a great place to learn and do research and launch an innovative business — those are things we can be known for, in addition to the river valley, the Fringe and all the other cool stuff that happens here.

How do you plan to revitalize Edmonton's core when the plan for so long has been to build out, rather than up? What are your thoughts on the Edmonton arena project specifically since your opinion seemed to change over time?



Iveson: I supported the arena downtown from a planning point of view because I think it is going to be good for city building. I think it is going to be an attracter for business and people to live downtown, so I think it is going to have a catalyst value. My challenge was that (that) does not mean we should give the moon for it; you have to negotiate a good deal. My one duty is city building, my other duty is looking after the scarce resources of the people of Edmonton, and so I was fighting for a better deal all the way along right up to the end, and we did make some progress finally. We got pushed back and pushed back and pushed back, and then finally we made some progress towards the end, and at that point I was able to say "yes, this is going to be a net positive for the city over time," and I think in 20 years, we are going to look back and see a thriving downtown core. Not just with an arena, but with more residential development and more businesses choosing to relocate downtown, because it's the whole package; it's the parks downtown, it's the sewer upgrade—there's a whole bunch of things that happen in addition to the arena that help catalyze development.

I think that the key thing that ties it all together is LRT to all corners of the city that makes getting to work or getting to a hockey game easy to people from all parts of the city and region. So, I think the arena is critical, I think the LRT is critical and then we have a lot of options for infill and for densification for more balanced growth, for more redevelopment in my neighborhood near a new LRT station that opened a few years ago, or the Blatchford neighborhood, which is our airport redevelopment site, which if we do it right, could be our Brooklyn.

What are your thoughts on Edmonton's transportation system, specifically the LRT and bike lanes?

Iveson: I support rapid expansion of our LRT system, (but) obviously we can't do it alone. We need at least a third and a third and a third from local government, provincial government and federal government. If we don't get that kind of support from Ottawa and the province, it isn't going to happen. I'm not saying we should build it at all costs, I'm saying we should build it and what I'm really calling for is that the same kind of proportions of investment you see in B.C. cities and Ontario cities and Quebec cities, and we just haven't quite gotten there yet in Alberta. So I support aggressive expansion of the LRT and ... if the political will exists, the capacity exists to complete the LRT network by 2030. We can be from Millwoods to West Ed by 2021, and we can be pushing north over the Yellowhead into northwest Edmonton by 2021 as well.

I'd like to see us building coalitions in regions and coalitions with Calgary, because Calgary really wants to rapidly expand their system too and I think that's how we find strength is by working together to get the time of day from the province and Ottawa.

You mentioned bike lanes. I do support this whole idea of transportation choice (and) I do support improved bike infrastructure in the city. I think we should probably focus our efforts in the core where the demand is highest — in Strathcona and Garneau and Downtown to begin with — because I think that's where it would make the most difference, because I think there is already so much demand there. So I think you build your way out from there.

You have lots of plans for both building new infrastructure and maintaining old infrastructure; how do you plan on balancing the two with the budget?

Iveson: Our first priority always has to be looking after the existing infrastructure. We cannot fall behind again. We are still digging our way out from bad decisions in the '90s, the false economy of not putting money into preventative maintenance. I know it's a problem on the university campus too; deferred maintenance piles up and piles up and piles up, and then all of a sudden, things are at the end of their life prematurely. You've got a building you can't use anymore because you didn't look after it. Well, that's why we have so many potholes; we've got roads we didn't look after for 20 years and they all blew apart at once because we had a couple of soggy years and then some freeze thaw over the winter. So we need to look after things properly first and demonstrate that we can steward that infrastructure properly before we can build more new things. We need to be able to do both in order to be a globally competitive city, but the first priority has to be maintenance and stewardship of the existing infrastructure.



In what ways do you value post-secondary education in Edmonton? What role do you see the U of A specifically playing during your tenure as mayor if you're elected?

Diotte: Well, I had a meeting with (U of A President Indira Samarasekera), and we discussed how I could help partner to really promote the university. It really is one of the pillars of this city and ... it's very, very disappointing to see the cuts that have gone on there ... I even think the province is starting to realize now that they're going to have to do something, they have to be restored. As mayor, I would push hard to see that; to have every effort to partner the university gets, to get it back on track financially. And then further to that ... I'd love to go on any trips promoting it. Anytime I'd travel to anywhere just talking about the U of A, we want to keep some of the international students here, and that's a big advantage to Edmonton. It's a matter of partnership because it really is one of the foundations of the city.

What was your initial response when you found out about the budget cuts for the U of A and other post-secondary institutions?

Diotte: I thought, 'Wow, is the province going to take some flack on this.' And that's obviously happened. Now, it's too easy to say that it's a provincial matter, because it's not. It's very much a civic matter and again, I would get back to talking to the province, collaborating, and I think they're starting to realize the error of their ways.

Many students choose to move away from Edmonton once they graduate. Why do you think this is and how would you plan to make Edmonton a more desirable place to stay, especially for young people?

Diotte: I'm not certain that it's quite the "flood or rain drain" that it used to be. Because, for instance, I'm the story of a person who came here (and) didn't want to come to Edmonton initially, as a journalist. I figured I'd be here for two years and I ended up staying. That was almost 30 years ago. So I thought I'd come here, get a couple of years of experience, then go on to try to work at the *Toronto Star* or *Vancouver Sun*, and I stayed. So I think that we might be a little too concerned about the "rain drain," because this is one of the most dynamic cities anywhere...

One of the things I want to absolutely do is make sure that the city does not become unaffordable, as has happened with Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, and that means doing something very basic: keeping our rates of taxation to the rate of inflation. Students know the challenge of how much it is for housing, and young families do, and seniors do, because when you hike those property taxes to unreasonable rates, it's those people who can least afford it ... I'm the only mayoral candidate who's talking about that very foundational issue (of) when you keep a city affordable and liveable and so forth, it keeps people here, because I know a lot of people who've gone to Vancouver and Toronto. I know lots of people in Toronto because I grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, (and) many of my friends who were journalists in Toronto, they can't stand it now; it's a rat race. They can't afford a good house, they've got long commutes. I think all of those things are important. They make a city liveable, and whether you're a student or a senior, you want to live here.

Why is it important for young adults to come out and vote, and how do you plan to keep them engaged in municipal politics after the election?

Diotte: Well, it's absolutely vital. It's a matter of growing the markets, so to speak, because we know that the older demographic, especially seniors, vote far more readily and in larger numbers than the youthful demographic ... What I've done already is I'm very active on social media this campaign; I've got my @KerryDiotte twitter, I've got my @DiotteForMayor twitter, I've got my two Facebook accounts.

Throughout (the) three years I've spent on council, I've done monthly e-newsletters that I've sent out to a long list and I always ask, "What's important to you?" And that's so vital, especially for young people. They don't pick up newspapers and read the way our generation did, and so you've got to fish where the fish are and reach out to them, and it's worked very well. I get a lot of feedback. It's vital, and I've done it and I'll continue to do it as mayor. I'll continue to do Town Halls; I've done them for my ward, I do it city-wide and appear on radio shows and (do) lots of interviews. But the key is getting feedback, because I think the reason people are cynical about politicians is they don't feel heard. I can listen, but I've really got to hear. And I do hear. And as a journalist, you know what that's like, you've got to hear people. You've got to ask them and really hear.

For many students, public transportation plays a big part in how they get to and from work, school and home. What are your thoughts on Edmonton's transportation systems, specifically the LRT and bike lanes?

Diotte: The LRT is something that I support wholeheartedly, the other expansion especially to the southeast. The situation we're in now is that we do not have enough money, and that's due to the fact that we don't have the full amount from our partners, our provincial and federal partners, and we're missing \$515 million. Some have said that we should just go it alone and as a city pay the money, as a city borrow some more money and I don't believe that because that lets our partners off the hook. So I'm very much in favour and ... as mayor, (will) keep pushing for that and collaborating with them and showing them why it's so valuable.

Bike lanes, I'm not a big fan, because they have been very problematic in areas ... they did some initial consultations in 2009, 2008, and I do not believe people were properly consulted. I'm hearing loud and clear when we're door-knocking in various areas (that) they suddenly crop up in front of houses, and it's especially problematic for seniors with mobility issues who can't literally get out their back driveways and they've got to come out their front doors because that's where the wheelchair ramps are and they lose their on-street parking. So I just don't think that's fair, and I think we have to rethink them.

(Our streets are) not safe for cyclists or for motorists or for motorcyclists, so I think the priority right now should just be making sure that they are not a disaster, not filled with potholes. I've seen bike lanes that have potholes in them — what is the sense of that? So I think we've got to re-examine them. I think right now the focus should be on getting our streets in good condition so that cyclists, motorcyclists and motorists can be safer. And cyclists, probably the biggest hazard to a cyclist these days is the "evil pothole."

So are you looking at removing the bike lanes that are already existing?

Diotte: I would be interested in re-examining where they go, perhaps re-examining the concept, because they've been installed into industrial areas where there are no cyclists, they have been installed onto very busy streets where it crowds cyclists and motorists. I think we have to examine whether the money could be better spent on separated bike routes or bike routes that are more in the areas that are heavily trafficked by cyclists, because there are no measurements and we're putting these things in and it costs millions of dollars, so you always have to think, "Is this the best use of millions of dollars?"



Can you please explain your "Diotte or Detroit" slogan?

Diotte: Yeah, absolutely. It actually came — you'll like this — it came from a person with a U of A address, and I'd never heard of the person—I can't recall the name now. This person had said, "This would be pretty cool, this would be a new slogan for you." And we kind of looked around, because you see my various other slogans "Your City..." etc., and "Diotte or Detroit" (had) good alliteration, and we kind of chuckled about it and said, "Well, you know what, ... it's a good conversation point."

Are we saying that Edmonton equals Detroit? No, but it's saying let's be mindful that we have a burgeoning debt, because nobody was talking about the debt until we put that out. So we now own the issue. Nobody was talking about the fact that the debt in this city in 10 years has gone from \$400 million to fast approaching \$3 billion. And that's the debt that students will have to pay off, and the younger generation, which is something that I think everybody should be alarmed about.

In September, there was some controversy around your campaign after some volunteers filmed a video about the arena deal in Blue Plate Diner. This resulted in some backlash against the restaurant, yet it took a few days before the video was removed. Why was there a delay in taking down your Blue Plate Diner video ad, and what factors made you decide to eventually remove it?

Diotte: That was a situation where we had the consent of one of the partners of the restaurant to do the ad. Indeed, one of them was there when we shot the ad, and what's discouraging to me is that it began with online bullying. There was somebody who tweeted something, somebody who had seen the commercial and—let's go back.

You know what the ad was about, it was about the (idea that the) arena deal stinks. There's no intimation that the restaurant stunk, and if anybody watched the video, that was clear. And one of the owners was there. But what really disturbed me was the fact that it was online bullying of the restaurant. Somebody came on Twitter and said ... something to this effect: "You're supporting Kerry Diotte? Well, I've got new plans for brunch, I've got another place to go for brunch." And then people started piling on, and then the restaurant started saying, "Well, we're not endorsing, we were just a set, we're a backdrop," and people started bullying and that was really not fair. It got to be a distraction for both the restaurant and our campaign and we got the message out that I believe the financial side of the arena stinks, and as mayor, I would insist that not another cent of taxpayer money goes into this arena. We got that message out, so we just thought, we've had our message out and I said it became a distraction to everybody, so just pull it.

Mayor Stephen Mandel was very vocal about the idea of turning Edmonton into what he defined as a "world-class city." What are your thoughts on that and do you plan to take the same approach if elected?

Diotte: Well, you know what, we are a world-class city. You look at the U of A, you look at other educational institutions: world-class. You look at our medicine: world-class. There are places where people do not have near the (same quality of) facilities. We've got the heart institute, we've got research. You look at our river valley: world-class. You look at our festivals and our reputation in the arts: world-class ... Everything is world-class in this city.

We can do better on the core services and some of that, but as our streets are relatively safe, compared to some places where you take your life in your hands going out your door. So what we have to do is we've got to stay on path and make sure that we don't become a city that's going to over-tax people and spend so much that services have to erode. Frankly, I'm a little bit tired of people saying that we have to be world-class when we already are.

You continuously advocate for snow removal for every Edmontonian. Why do you think this is necessary and how do you plan to fund such an endeavour?

Diotte: I've lived in many cities in this country and virtually every city east of the province of Saskatchewan manages to do it. All sidewalks, all roads. Here, we somehow can't manage to do that and we should aim higher. We should aim higher because we talk about wanting to be a winter city. Well, think about it: with some people who are mobility challenged or seniors, they can't really get outside their houses. I mean, it would be such (an easy) way to get people outside their houses if they had no problems with just walking down the sidewalk. And doing our streets properly and doing the sidewalks, it can be done.

The last report said it was about \$19 million a year. But consider this: (we've) got an operating budget of almost \$2 billion. So it would not be difficult to find savings in there to be able to do the things that every other city east of Saskatchewan does.

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Joe Satriani

With Gordie Johnson – Sit Down, Servant!!
Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
(11455 87 Ave.)
Tickets starting at \$58.65, available at
ticketmaster.ca

In his first Canadian tour, rock guitar icon and multiple Grammy Award nominee Joe Satriani will be stopping in Edmonton to mark the release of his 14th solo studio album, *Unstoppable Momentum*. Satriani will bring his latest work to life onstage with Mike Keneally on keyboards, Bryan Belleron on bass and Marco Minnemann on drums. Also sharing the stage with Canadian blues, gospel and dub project Sit Down, Servant!!, Satriani is sure to rock the crowd with his legendary guitar skills.

National Elevator Project

Presented by Theatre Yes
Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Sunday, Oct. 27 from
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday
maintées from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tours begin at TIX on the Square (9930 102 Ave.)
Tickets \$17 for students, available at
tixonthesquare.ca

Theatre Yes is putting a wrench into the typical, routine elevator ride by presenting short plays performed in working elevators. The performances, which are available on demand within the two-hour performance window, require audiences to meet at TIX on the Square where they'll be given a map and directions to a specific elevator. The shows are approximately five minutes in length and are written by playwrights from across Canada. By letting the audience be in such close proximity to the actors, the National Elevator Project is a definite one-of-a-kind experience.

Deer Tick

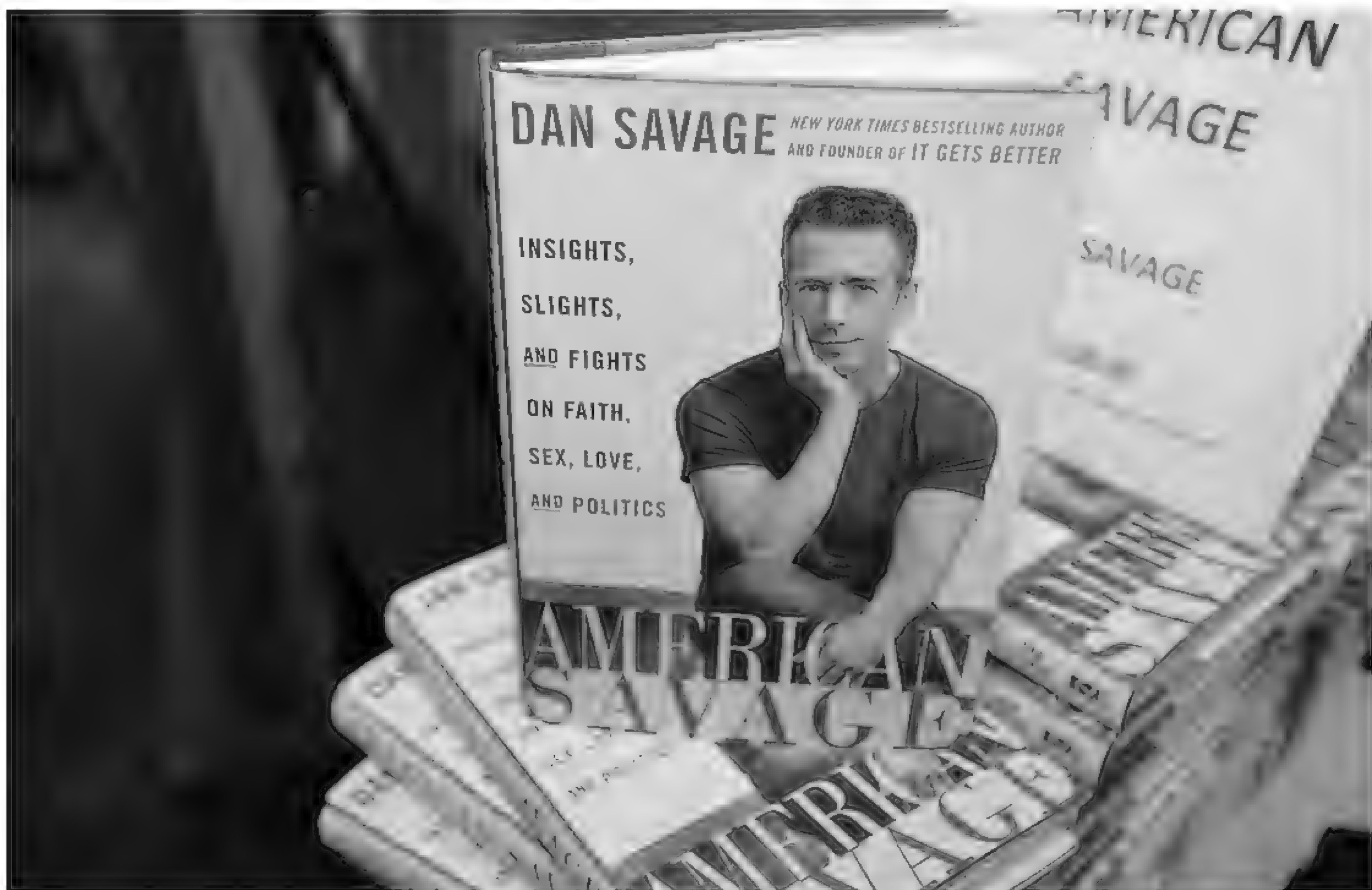
With Robert Ellis
Friday, Oct. 18 at 9:30 p.m.
Starlite Room (10030 102 St.)
Tickets \$23, available at ticketfly.com

Formed in 2004, Deer Tick is an alt-country band based out of Providence, Rhode Island. The American quintet is on the road promoting their fifth album *Negativity*, which was penned by guitarist and lead vocalist John McCauley after a series of personal tragedies in 2012 including a broken engagement and his father being sent to prison for conspiracy and tax fraud charges. The band's latest effort offers a more personal and tender side to the group, and it'll be interesting to see how it translates on stage.

Olde Time Fair on the Square

Saturday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sir Winston Churchill Square
Free

Just because summer's over doesn't mean the fun should stop in Edmonton. Kicking off the autumn season with a trip back in time, the traditional fair that takes over Churchill Square is filled with activities such as horse and wagon rides, carnival games, square dancing and more. Though October's cold rush is settling onto the city, the fair's launch into Edmonton's history will keep families warm as they bask in the glory of non-motorized transportation and old-fashioned fun.



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Dan Savage deals with criticism in his fight for a sex-realistic society

AUTHOR PREVIEW

Dan Savage

PRESENTED BY > LitFest
WHEN > Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.
WHERE > Winspear Centre
(4 Sir Winston Churchill Square)
HOW MUCH > \$10 for students at Winspear Box Office

Madeline Smith

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Don't ask Dan Savage about butt plugs.

Straightforward sex toy queries like these were fair game 22 years ago, when Savage started writing his now internationally syndicated sex column. In the '90s, without the internet's vast store of sex information, Savage's job as a sex writer made him a lifeline. He was the person to turn to when you desperately needed to know what exactly a cock ring is, and more importantly, what on earth do you do with it?

These days, unless you're struggling with some sort of ethical butt plug dilemma, Savage doesn't want to hear it.

"If you can get online to email me, 'What's a butt plug?' you could have googled it and figured it all out for yourself," Savage says. "It's really changed the nature of the column. It used to be that half my responses were instructional.

"But that question: 'What's a butt plug, and how do I get it into my ass?' That question kind of annoys me now, and I'm very pro butt plugs and butts."

A lot has changed over the last 20 years, moving Savage and his column in unexpected directions. He started out writing with an irreverent tone, poking fun at the straight sex columnists of the time who didn't have any idea how to respond to gay people asking for advice. But before long, Savage started getting serious questions from the straight people he was supposed to be giving mock guidance, and he found himself writing a "real" sex column. Back then, he says, he often found himself in

the library, searching through books to figure out what to tell a reader about how to locate the clitoris.

Savage has since written six books, adopted a son with his husband and drawn the ire of legions of conservative critics — as well as liberal activists. With two decades of his opinion committed to print, Savage still faces his share of controversy, angering transgender, bisexual and asexual people, among others.

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DAN SAVAGE
AUTHOR

In Savage's latest book *American Savage*, he takes the opportunity to address some of the times he was wrong. Chapter 11, "Mistakes Were Made," addresses the longstanding accusation of biphobia, a label Savage earned after writing that bisexual men "don't exist."

The discussion around Savage's column shows how the battle for LGBTQ rights, in which Savage is vocal, isn't just a two-sided fight: there's complicated nuance in the variety of opinions and identities at stake. And now, more than ever, Savage deals with critics from every angle.

"It's a very strange position to be in to begin my day by being attacked by the Family Research Council and Tony Perkins and religious figures and leaders, and then being attacked by queers," Savage says.

"I'm accused of being this dangerous sex-radical, queer monster who wants to destroy the family by right-wingers, and at the same time, in the same day — sometimes in the very next tweet — I'm accused of being this kind of heteronormative, conservative sell-out who

wants to destroy queers.

"It's really weird," he acknowledges. "It's a crazy position to be in."

Savage also frequently appears at college campuses for no-holds-barred Q&A sessions with young adults. For current undergraduates, born right around the time Savage began his column, his advice is an integral part of their sex education. In case you didn't notice, your high school CALM class didn't have a unit about BDSM practices or porn. In fact, it probably didn't even address notions of gender and sexuality outside a framework of heterosexuality at all.

While critics have pointed out problematic aspects of Savage's columns, they've become an extensive archive of information about sex and sexuality, making for an accessible and entertaining source of information for many young people. And Savage sees the problems in the system of sex education every day, with an inbox "stuffed with letters" from teens who are struggling to make sense of their sexuality and the concept of pleasure.

"They think if you do think about (sex), then there's something wrong with you. You're obviously too interested in sex; you're too sexual. And that informs a lot of the problems that young people have," Savage explains. "It rises up out of the sex negativity of the culture, sex negativity of the churches, sex negativity even of what a lot of us think of as 'good' sex education.

"It's nothing but abstinence-lite and sex dread."

And while Savage advocates for a more sex-positive approach to education, he's wary of what he calls "sex Polyanna-ness" — a reference to the children's book character who looks on the bright side of everything. If you still have a desperate question about butt plugs, Savage won't tell you that your curiosity is wrong, gross or weird. But he'll also tell you to make sure you get the information you need to be safe and healthy while you explore.

"Acknowledging the real risks of sex is not sex-negative, it's sex-realistic," he says. "And that's the sex-positivity I support: not shocked by it, but not naïve either."



ARAINNE WEI

Genre film fest celebrates sixth anniversary of cinematic horror

EVENT PREVIEW

DEDfest

WHEN > Runs through Sunday, Oct. 20 at various times

WHERE > Garneau Theatre (8712 109 St.)

HOW MUCH > \$12 at the door, \$50 for a five-movie pass at The Lobby (10815 82 Ave.); \$125 for a full festival pass at dedfest.com

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As the last lingering warmth of summertime fades from the streets of Edmonton and an autumn chill permeates the air, the city undergoes many changes. Leaves drop from the trees, thrift shops start stocking Halloween costumes — and the Garneau Theatre begins preparations for one of Edmonton's premier genre film festivals: DEDfest.

This is the sixth year that festival coordinators Derek Clayton and Kevin Martin have brought their labour of love back for the hordes of clamouring fans who line up to buy passes every October. And moviegoers aren't the only ones excited: the two men behind the swiftly growing film fest can hardly contain their enthusiasm. This year promises to be one of the best lineups of horror, dark comedy and action films they've ever had.

"We're opening with a film called *Why Don't You Play In Hell*," Clayton says. "It's a Japanese film about the Yakuza trying to make a movie. It's bloody, it's gory, it's funny — I think it's going to do great. We're also showing *The Battery*, which is an amazing zombie film, and we're bringing in the director for that one, a guy named Jeremy Gardner. Then there's *Willow Creek*, Bobcat Goldthwaite's new found-footage horror

film, and he's coming to in talk about that too."

Martin's personal favourites from among the films screening this week are *Cheap Thrills*, a darkly humorous movie about the lengths people will go to for money, and *Bloodsport*, the classic Jean-Claude Van Damme action film that's nominated as this year's "retro" film of the fest. But both Clayton and Martin are excited by the other opportunities this year's programming affords them, as the festival has finally built up enough legitimacy in the cinematic world to begin introducing a new industry aspect to DEDfest: bringing in panels of actors and directors to discuss their shows in depth. They're also branching out into non-film events, like a DEDfest-inspired *Family Feud*-style trivia game or a series of explicit dares for audience members that will allow them to win free tickets and other prizes.

The festival has grown over the years from a small, underground gathering of hardcore fans into one of Edmonton's most popular film festivals. As it grows in popularity, the diversity of its films and audience has expanded to accommodate something for every movie-lover who chooses to attend.

"Originally, we were just strictly a horror film festival, but we kept finding films outside of the horror genre that we really wanted to show," Clayton explains. "We've taken it on and just started showing interesting films, whether it's horror or cult or sci-fi — we're even doing documentaries now. Anything that's interesting, fun, off the beaten path, we're showing that."

Martin and Clayton both mention the accessibility of the atmosphere at DEDfest. Anyone interested in the movies at this year's festival will be more than welcome, even if they've never been to screenings like these before. The types of people in attendance are those that any genre

film fan will have plenty in common with.

"It's not like going to a normal movie theatre and watching a movie. It's like a community. You can go in there and you're always surrounded by a bunch of other fans who get it," Martin says, grinning. "And the demographic is all over the place — you think it's going to be a bunch of 18 to 25 year old guys, but we've got all sorts of people."

"I'd say at least half of our audience is female," Clayton adds. "Genre films are really starting to break into the mainstream. This is stuff that anyone can enjoy, no matter who you are."

It's been a long and arduous six-year journey for DEDfest to get to this point, but the joy it brings to the people who are a part of it is clearly worth the effort. And there's plenty of room for growth; one day, the festival might even rival the scope of its older sibling, the Edmonton International Film Festival.

"In the future, we want to make DEDfest a destination for people all over North America," Clayton says. "As much as this is something for Edmontonians and Edmonton fans, we want to bring in people from elsewhere, too. We want to be the place people go to watch these films. And the more we can do to maintain that party atmosphere, the better — we want to make DEDfest something of Edmonton, rather than for it."

"Exactly," Martin adds. "When you go to Montreal for Fantasia Fest, most of the people in that theatre are not from Montreal. They're from all over the place. And Fantasia's been at it for like 15 years, almost 20 now, but it would be awesome to one day get to that point where people talk about what we're doing here and say, 'You have to go to DEDfest in Edmonton, Alberta. You don't know what you're missing out on if you don't.'"



SILVER SCREEN SCREAMS *Pinup Dolls on Ice* and *Bad Milo* are two of the films playing at this year's festival.

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fashion streeters

by Christina Varvis



Alessandra Hecken
HUMAN ECOLOGY IV

GATEWAY: Describe what you're wearing.

ALESSANDRA: Ridiculous Winners flower pants, Nine West leopard print loafers, and a Kenneth Cole winter jacket 'cause I was cold this morning.

GATEWAY: Where do you look to find fashion inspiration?

ALESSANDRA: Usually around the streets and stuff like that, and also lots of fashion blogs. A lot of classes as well. My favourite thing to wear in fall is scarves!



Check out thegatewayonline.ca/fashionstreeters for more photos.

Witty wisecrackers take to the stage of Comedy Fest

EVENT PREVIEW

Edmonton Comedy Festival

WHEN Wednesday, Oct. 16
Saturday, Oct. 19 at various times

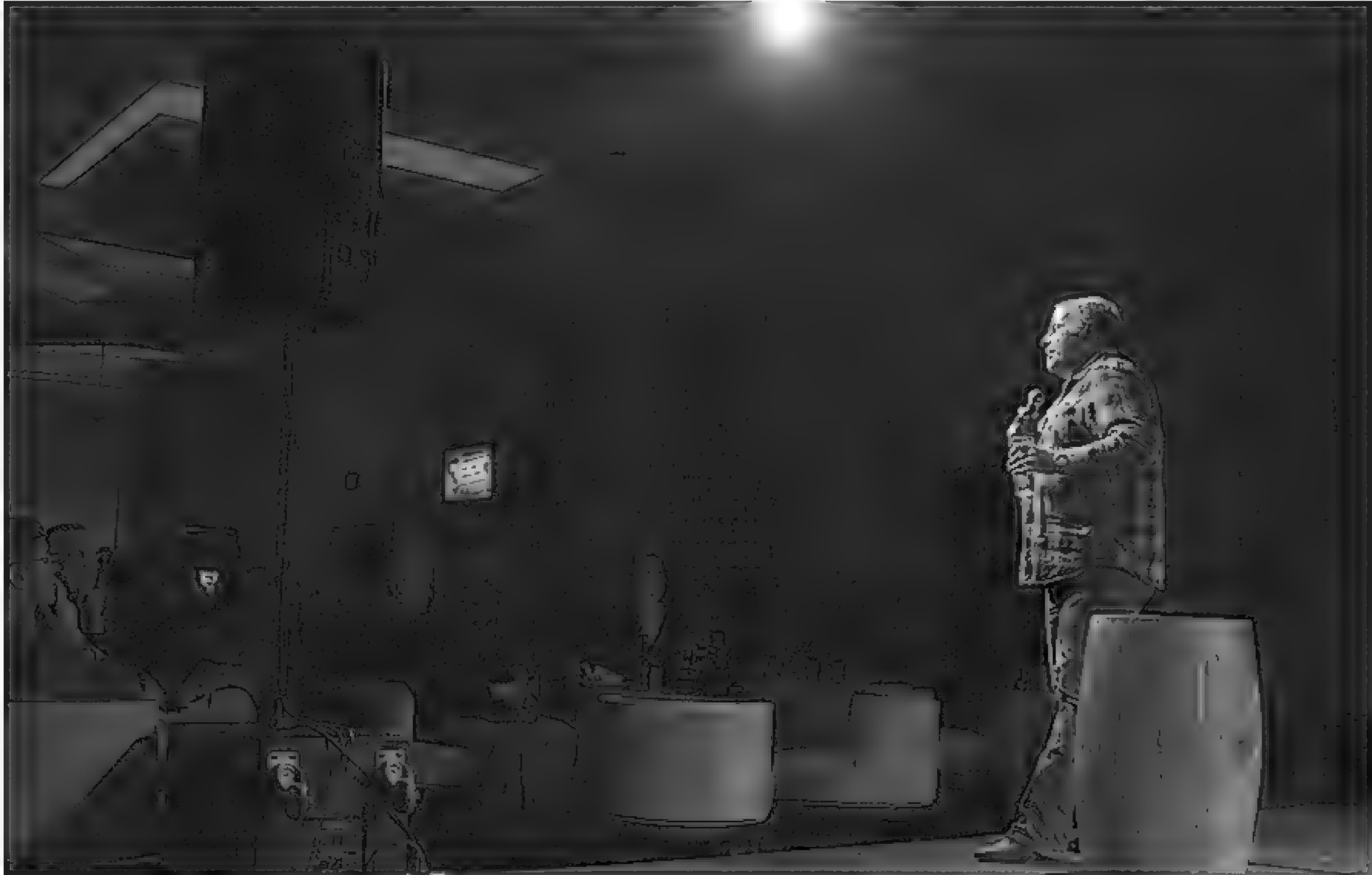
WHERE There are six major show locations this year including Paramount Theatre (10233 Jasper Ave.), Yellowhead Casino (12464 153 St.), Four Points by Sheraton (7230 Argyll Rd.), The Ranch (6107 104 St.), Ledcor Theatre Art Gallery of Alberta (2 Sir Winston Churchill Square) and The Westin Hotel (10135 100 St.)

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Sarah Labahn
ARTS & CULTURE WRITER

Get ready for four days of funny at Edmonton's third annual Comedy Festival, featuring more than two dozen of North America's best comics and six venues packed with strangers who love to do the same thing as you — laugh. So whiten your teeth, freshen your breath and prepare yourselves for Edmonton's funniest festival.

Event organizer Graham Neil says his expectations for this year are simple: "To put as many people as (possible) in a room and make all those people laugh." Whether it be the cackle coming from the back of the room or the old man chuckling beside you, laughter is



FUNNY FESTIVAL Producer Andrew Grose will be on hand to help introduce the festival's more than two dozen performers SUPPLIED

contagious and Neil explains that with a wide variety of comics attending this year's festival, there are sure to be shows that appeal to everyone.

"We try to have diversity. We try to have people like Julie Kim, she's university-educated, and we have the college comic of the year Kelly Taylor. We've got John Wing who was just a semi-finalist on *America's Got Talent*, and Tim Meadows, formerly from *Saturday Night Live*, to give our audience an all-around experience," he says. "Comedy is an amalgamation of everything, all viewpoints and everything else. So in one night, we try to give you eight different takes on things, making it

a funnier night."

For those who aren't sure which show to squeeze into their weekend, the festival features gala-style shows such as Friday's *Date Night With The Ladies Man* hosted by Tim Meadows, as well as Saturday's *Comedy Unleashed* featuring Seán Cullen of CBC's *The Seán Cullen Show* with seven other headliners.

One of the comics new to the festival this year is Julie Kim, a health care and technology expert who stresses the importance of incorporating comedy in all aspects of life and believes that fun and funny can exist everywhere you go. She spent much of her youth preparing for a professional career in

the medical field, but Kim explains that she felt an affinity for comedy from a young age.

"I remember first watching stand up on TV when I was in high school. I remember so admiring the comics who got up there and were brave enough to stand in front of all those people and make them erupt with laughter. Two of the first comics that I saw were Chris Rock and Robin Williams," she says.

"I remember being so amazed by their skills and feeling like I would never be able to do something like that. I remember thinking that it must be the hardest thing you could do, and I think that was part of the appeal to me and why I tried it in the

first place: for the challenge."

An alumna of the introductory stand-up course at the Second City Training Center in Toronto almost four years ago, Kim has since received accolades for her comedy. She remains humble and grateful for recognitions, like a nomination from the Canadian Comedy Awards in 2012 for Best Stand-up Newcomer, though she admits that it hasn't always come easy.

"I would have been voted the least likely to succeed (in my class), because I was always late. I never had any jokes prepared," she says with a laugh.

Kim's catchphrase is that, "There is a time and a place for humour; almost always and practically everywhere," and this attitude plays into her comedy and her work life as a comedian. Aside from working in the medical field, Kim also goes to workplaces, colleges and universities delivering motivational talks. She explains that when she was younger, she too was stressed about school and sometimes even dreaded going on stage with her jokes. But as she persists, she believes that laughter can and should follow throughout one's life. In her jokes, she pulls from personal experience, such as her childhood and relationships, as well as pop culture and anything funny that comes to mind. At the end of the day though, being a comic just allows her to make people happy.

"I think life is essentially about different types of relationships among people. Humour and laughter are so universal in bonding people, easing tensions and generally making people happy in whatever environment they're in."



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Five stylish autumn trends for fashionable fellas



Billy-Ray Belcourt
COMMENTARY

Walking along the leaf-decorated paths on campus, you'll probably notice the array of clothes, accessories, shoes and hairstyles being sported by your male cohorts. There are a lot of atrocious get-ups reminiscent of a '90s sitcom, but perhaps more importantly, the men of our generation have started to embrace the world of fashion, pioneering eye-pleasing and stylish outfits. Here's a look at the five most popular trends that have taken men's fashion by storm.

The Man Bun

Possibly the boldest trend to hit the streets this summer was that of the glorious man bun. A convenient yet fashion-savvy way to assert your knowledge of men's hairstyles, the man bun is typically worn loosely at a position higher than the traditional pony tail. Held together by a durable elastic band, the man bun is crafted by gathering your luscious locks and twisting and wrapping you hair until you've made a knot that resembles a small ball or bun — hence the name. If you're going for the laid-back, care-free look, make sure your bun is a bit loose. Letting strands of hair escape the confinement of the elastic will

reinforce that nonchalant feel. However, tightening the knot and slicking your hair back with your product of choice will generate a more classy look. Unless you're balding, almost any guy with long, flowing hair can look good with a trendy man bun. Just google celebrities like Colin Farrell or Chris Hemsworth and athletes like Alexandr Dolgoplov if you need inspiration.

Chunky Scarves

With winter's wrath on the verge of enacting its snowy terror, the always-fashionable chunky scarf will keep you warm — well, your neck at least. Though smaller, less bulky scarves are more common among men, the chunkier infinity scarves will take your winter attire to the next level. Available in a variety of modest prints and neutral colours for reasonable prices — about \$20 — at stores like H&M, there shouldn't be any reason for you not to adopt this burgeoning trend. However, make sure you pair this circular accessory with a mid to heavy-weight coat — preferably a toggle coat — to complement the size and length of the scarf.

Combat Boots

Reminiscent of military attire,

the combat boot isn't necessarily a new trend, but it's one that hits its stride in the fall and winter.

Usually available in darker colours such as brown, black and grey, these boots will not only place you among the most stylish men on campus, but will provide great grip on icy paths and warmth during winter. In addition, these boots look even better when worn with tight-legged jeans. Wider legged jeans will suffocate your boots and prevent them from standing out. Some men have also paired these boots with wooly socks to add an extra dash of creativity to their personal style. Combat boots can reach a steep price, but their growing popularity and ability to add flair to any outfit make the cost worthwhile.

Denim

Denim is no longer a monopoly of past generations. In the last couple years, denim has dominated the fashion scene for men and women. The notorious Canadian tuxedo has also been revived

and is a common outfit all year. Pairing a denim button-up with coloured jeans has become incredibly common among men, and what's especially stylish is the denim jacket, which looks even better paired with a chunky scarf and combat boots. With only a few weeks of moderate weather left, you'd be doing yourself a huge disservice by ignoring the denim trend. You can find denim apparel at almost any clothing store, but be modest because too much too often will result in irrelevancy.

Short-Sleeve Button Down

Though the short-sleeve button down may have reached its height during the summer, it continues to prove itself as a staple in men's fashion. The endless variety of prints and colours that define this trend should appeal to the fashion sense of anyone looking to spice up their wardrobe. Pair these shirts with a denim vest or loose fitting cardigan and you'll have a layered outfit perfect for fall. In order to make the most out of your short-sleeve button down, make sure you embrace experimentation. A loud floral or leopard print will set your outfit apart from your peers while proving your eye for top-notch menswear.

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KEVIN SCHENK

the **brew** crew

WRITTEN BY **Adrian Lahola-Chomiak**

Barney Flats Oatmeal Stout

Brewery: Anderson Valley

Available at: Sherbrooke Liquor Store
(11819 St. Albert Trail)

Fall is a good time to break out the darker beers. Actually, in my opinion, it's always a good time to enjoy a rich stout, but when it's cold outside and there's Thanksgiving leftovers sitting in the fridge, something about a dark brew just feels right. So in the spirit of the season, I'm giving thanks for dark beers by trying out Anderson Valley Brewing Company's Barney Flats Oatmeal Stout.

The beer pours a dark chocolate brown with about a finger of tan head that dissipates slowly and laces the glass. On the nose, there's a lightly roasted coffee note that fades into dark chocolate roasted malt and an oatmeal cookie-like sweetness. Barney Flats has a very



rich but pleasant aroma, and as is typical of oatmeal stouts, the smell gets more intense as it warms up.

Flavour-wise, the beer follows suit with a pleasant oatmeal sweetness and a faint roasted malt astringency up front before fading into suggestions of berry and chocolate. As Barney Flats warms up, the berry and roasted malt astringency start to assert themselves more, making for an interesting flavour profile.

Anderson Valley hits the nail on the head with this oatmeal stout, creating a rich delicious beer featuring interesting fruit notes. I'd recommend this to anyone looking for a darker beer and to beer geeks who want an oatmeal stout that isn't completely dominated by roasted malt astringency.

finer things

COMPILED BY **Evan Mudryk**

Lady Gaga's Comeback

It's been two and a half years since "Born This Way" hit No. 1 on the Canadian Billboard Hot 100, and in many ways, it feels like the Gaga dream is dead — she's been away from the charts so long that fans have started to forget her. But lately, the Princess of Pop has launched a come back — walking, kicking and dancing her way back into our hearts with sneak peaks of *Artpop*, her latest album. With the fetching and delightful single "Applause" already taking over the radio, the world is ready for more.

So how is *Artpop*? Well for starters, the album won't be released until November. But I watched footage of the iTunes Festival in London, which featured a lineup of Chic, Kendrick Lamar, Haim and others, including Gaga, on the opening night. Seven new songs (and

"Applause") were previewed at iTunes, including the controversial "Burqa," now being called "Aura," "Swine," the story of a piggy journalist; and my favourite: "Sexxx Dreams," which sounds like a talking version of Taylor Swift's "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together." You can check it out for free on iTunes Festival, but only until the last week of October. Whether you find the rest of the festival awful or awesome, it doesn't matter — the video is there for a limited time only and Gaga is killing it.



Face the facts: Gaga is back. And the cover of this album is amazing, combining Gian Lorenzo Bernini's *Apollo and Daphne*, Sandro Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus* and Jeff Koons' *Gazing Ball*. And then there's Lady Gaga herself: naked, blocked only by a big, blue gazing ball. The album will even feature T. I. and R. Kelly singing. It's all there and I can't wait for November.

The Finer Things is a semi-regular feature in which Gateway pop culture pundits point to a particularly relevant or pretentious example of art celebrating it for all of its subjective merit.

Romeo and Juliet remake unimaginative and silly

FILM REVIEW

Romeo and Juliet

WRITTEN BY > Julian Fellowes
DIRECTED BY > Carlo Carlei
STARRING > Hailee Steinfeld and Douglas Booth
WHEN > Now Playing

Sam Miller

ARTS & CULTURE WRITER

A common misconception about Juliet's iconic line, "Wherefore art thou Romeo?" is that it's a question of location, when it's actually a question of reason — "wherefore" meaning "why," as in: "Why art thou a Montague?" or "Why art thou so sexy and charming besides?" While watching Carlo Carlei's 2013 adaptation of Shakespeare's timeless, tragic masterpiece, one might find themselves asking, "Wherefore was this film made? Wherefore, damn it!"

Romeo and Juliet is the latest cinematic non-modern adaptation of Shakespeare's famous tragedy. It tells the tale of a passionate love born from and in spite of the hate between two feuding families. Guy meets girl, much conflict and swash-buckling ensues, but eventually guy gets girl — albeit slightly colder than he may have envisaged. But the good guy wins in the end — that is, if you take cruel, ironic and nihilistic fate to be a good guy. As always, the plot highlights the theme of destiny and how we often meet its path despite our efforts to avoid it.

The female and male leads are



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played by Oscar nominee Hailee Steinfeld of *True Grit* fame and British heartthrob Douglas Booth, respectively. It's fair to say when their tongues aren't down the other's throat, they both perform their lines adequately. However, Steinfeld seems to be constantly outshined by Booth in this regard — both in raw charm and sex appeal, as well as acting chops. He may even be a contender for besting Leonard DiCaprio's 1996 portrayal of the character, complete with puppy-dog eyes, lascivious lips and a codpiece.

Speaking of puppy-dog eyes, the film has an abundance of this type of expression. They give such an air of sincerity to the actors that pull them

off that walking out of the theatre would be akin to walking away from a baby Corgi that just piddled on your favorite rug, but is utterly dependant on your affection and attention for sustenance. You wouldn't abandon a baby Corgi, would you?

Good, so you won't abandon Paul Giamatti, who reprises the role of Friar Laurence with the utmost grace and affect. Once in a while, there's a superb actor who manages to deliver Shakespearian lines as naturally as if you heard them from a guy on a bus, and Giamatti infuses the 400-year old lines with such wholesomeness, earthliness and topicality that it's impossible to not be moved every time his facial

muscles do. If there's one answer to "wherefore should I bother paying a single sixpence to see this film?" it would be because of Giamatti's performance. But he's not alone in this regard — the spastic Damian Lewis as Lord Capulet, theatre-giant Lesley Manville as Nurse and the young Kodi Smit-McPhee as Benvolio each bring a freshness to overdone roles. Lewis, like a powder keg, shows how a loving father can exemplify both benevolence and fury, madly transitioning between the two states within a single scene. Manville is anything but unlikeable as the frantic, romantic wing-woman of Juliet and cupid's loyal servant, while Smit-McPhee, probably the youngest,

most doe-eyed Benvolio to ever grace the silver screen, skillfully conveys the simultaneous wisdom and naiveté that youthful optimism often carries.

Acting besides, the film's only other redeeming quality is location. Each scene appears to be shot somewhere in the authentic Italian mainland, and the mise-en-scene that Italy exudes is nothing short of romantic. Whether the exterior is of horses galloping through the hills at dawn or marble interiors under 15th century frescos, a taste of the old world is ubiquitous throughout. If you've never been to Italy, the portrayal of its man-made and natural history in the film may lull you to determine your next vacation destination.

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If you're tired of *Twilight* and its cinematic brethren and are eager for more complex first-date foreplay — or are simply a die-hard fan of the Bard — *Romeo and Juliet* is worth a go. Otherwise, you can dismiss the film as a mediocre adaptation. For never was there a tale of such woe, than that of a visionless re-hashing of Juliet and her Romeo.

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Grape Escape brings classy wine and booze culture to the masses

EVENT PREVIEW

Grape Escape

WHEN Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19 from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

WHERE > Edmonton Expo Centre (7515 116 Ave.)

HOW MUCH > Tickets \$50, available at the Mactaggart Ridge Co-Op Liquor Store

Brad Kennedy

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Upscale wine culture — from strange rituals like rinsing and spitting to the elaborate language used to discuss the drink — is enough to turn any fan away from vino-themed events. But Grape Escape at Northlands, Edmonton's largest alcohol trade show, seeks common ground between wine makers, sommeliers and the average barfly by pairing tastings with education in a weekend of wine-soaked delight.

Put on by Calgary's Co-op liquor stores, the tasting event spans two days and encompasses more than 130 booths put on by more than 75 different producers of wine, beer and spirits. Your ticket in the door allows you unlimited samplings, as well as a selection of hors d'oeuvres to cleanse the palate between tastings.

Curious attendees can also enjoy free seminars put on by the Co-op's professional sommeliers for those interested in learning more about the refined aspects of good wine.

But don't be put off by the high-class description of events — Co-op Event Manager Trinh Bui stresses that the event is a great evening for everyone of legal drinking age, no matter how little you know about the beverages being served.

"Our goal with this is to have people of all ages try new products and hopefully find some new favourites. Then they can talk directly to the supplier and learn more about the product," Bui explains. "There's a very wide variety of drinks to try, and something to suit everyone's tastes."

This is the Grape Escape's third year in Edmonton and it's swiftly becoming the go-to destination for those with discerning tastes in the drinking community. Last year, more than 2,000 people attended the event, and numbers are expected to be much higher this time around. Attendance is still nowhere near the size of the Calgary event, where Co-op liquor stores have been hosting the Grape Escape bi-annually for almost 10 years, but the gap between the two rival wine and spirit communities is swiftly narrowing.

If you can't make it to the event this

week, or don't have enough cash for the \$50 admission fee, Bui offers an alternative option for those looking to broaden their alcoholic horizons.

"At our Edmonton franchise on Mactaggart Ridge, we hold monthly events with a sommelier to teach people about wine. The location is a beautiful 10,000 square foot store with a luxuriously designed tasting centre, and here we teach people that wine is gradually becoming more and more of a common and accessible drink," she says.

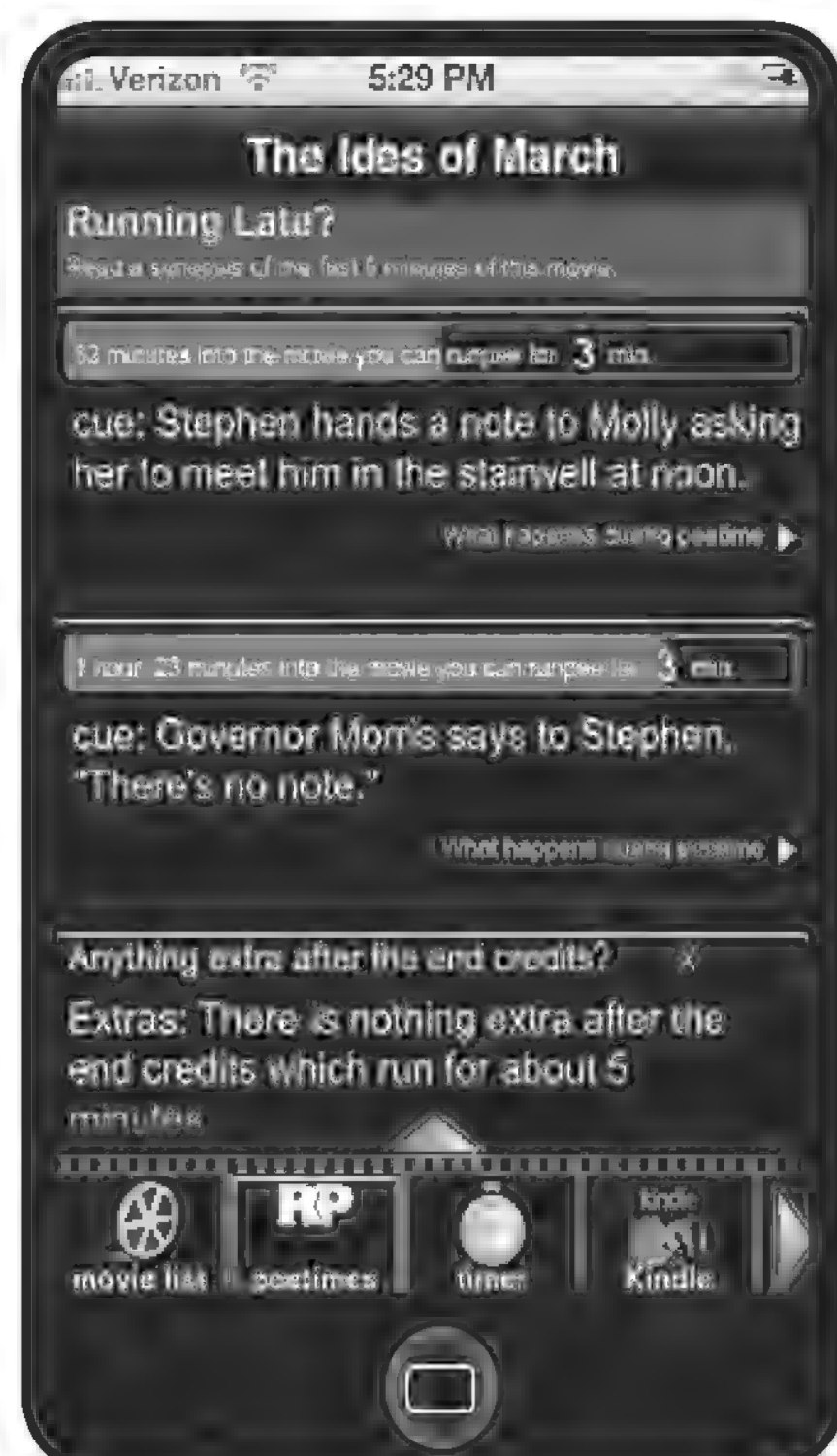
"At one of these events, you can learn how you don't have to spend a lot of money to get a good bottle of wine, and how to pick the right wine to accompany foods, among other many useful tips for people who want to know more. Ultimately, these seminars and events help people go out there and explore and really learn to enjoy their alcohol without having to spend a lot of money."

The value of such a bargain certainly makes the Grape Escape an attractive option for anyone looking to share in wine culture with makers, sellers and fellow winos. If nothing else, attendees can certainly get back more than the cost of admission in the sheer amount of alcohol to be sampled.

"(Wine) is no longer a snobby, elitist beverage, but something you can enjoy with any meal."

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WRITTEN BY Sam Miller



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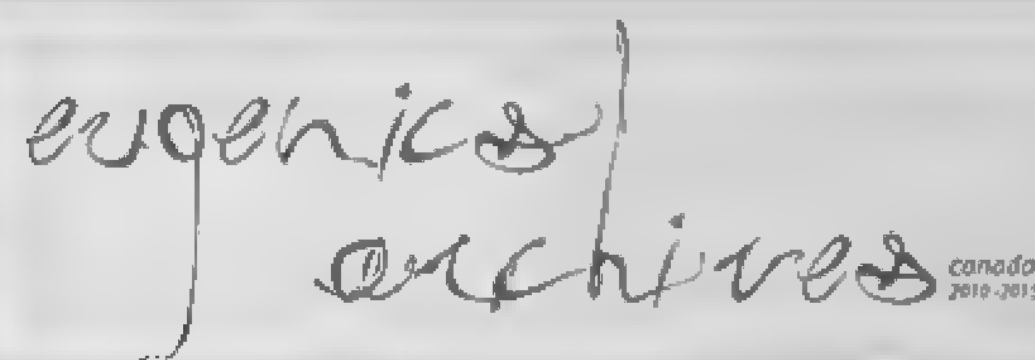
RunPee boasts a plot database of the most current wide releases, along with timecodes for non-essential plot scenes so you can have your narrow release without worry. For example, RunPee will tell you: "At about 55 minutes into *Iron Man 3*, Robert Downey Jr. acts like a complete fool for gratuitous comedic effect; you have

about four minutes to 'runpee' and return so you can see him get inside a machine and kick ass." The application even keeps detailed notes of the non-essential scene that you missed while you pissed.

But that's not all. If your bladder is especially insistent, RunPee, cued-up before the film, offers the option to vibrate at select intervals to allow frequent and guiltless urinary missions.

If you're not already sold on the app, RunPee offers one final feature: a credit-roll runtime for occasions with a special after-credit treat. No one wants to watch credits — who cares about all the hard work that went into making a film — and certainly no one wants to do so with the urine fairy casting her wand on their kidneys. With RunPee, you can trade credit-rolls for toilet paper rolls, and come back to catch the set up for another crappy Marvel cash vacuum.

You may piss off everyone around you with light and movement, but hey, if you have to go, you have to go — so why not go with RunPee?



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Wednesday Oct 16 - **Rob Wilson**, University of Alberta, Stand-point Eugenics. Brown-bag lunch co-sponsored with the Dept. of Educational Policy Studies. Noon-1:30pm, 7-102 Education North.

Thursday Oct 17 - **Eugenics and Indigenous Peoples**. Discussion panel co-sponsored with the Faculty of Native Studies. Panelists: Tracy Bear, Joanne Faulkner, Jerry Kachur, Rebecca Sockbeson, Noon-1:00pm, 2-06 Pembina Hall.

Friday Oct 18 - 1) **Persons' Day Panel: Feminism, Motherhood and Eugenics: Historical Perspectives**. Panelists: Wendy Kline, University of Cincinnati, Erika Dyck, University of Saskatchewan, and Molly Ladd-Taylor, York University. Noon – 1:00 pm, Henderson Hall, Rutherford South. Wheelchair accessible. 2) **Wendy Kline**, University of Cincinnati, *"The Little Manual that Started a Revolution: How Midwifery Became a Hippie Practice"*, 3:30 - 5:00pm, Assiniboia 2-02A, co-sponsored with the Departments of History and Classics, and Women's and Gender Studies. 3) **FIXED: The Science/Fiction of Human Enhancement**. A documentary by Regan Brashear www.fixedthemovie.com, co-sponsored with the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre. Telus Centre 150. Doors at 6:30 pm, film at 7:00 pm. Q&A with Dr. Gregor Wolbring (who is featured in the film) following the film. Wheelchair accessible and closed captioned.

Saturday Oct 19 - **Team Meeting**, Living Archives on Eugenics in Western Canada. 2-02A Assiniboia Hall (9:00 am – 4:30 pm) Lunch provided; please RSVP to moyra@ualberta.ca by Noon Oct 16th.

Monday Oct 21 - 1) **Joanne Faulkner**, University of New South Wales, *The Politics of Childhood and Community Identity*. Noon - 1:00 pm in 7-152 Education North. Co-sponsored by the Departments of Educational Policy Studies and Human Ecology. 2) **World Premiere "Surviving Eugenics in the 21st Century: Our Stories Told"** 7:00 pm - 9:15 pm Metro Cinema at the Garneau, 8712 - 109 Street NW, Edmonton. Trailer: <http://youtu.be/QoM12GAJm8I>; closed captioned and ASL interpretation; wheelchair access through the alley entrance. Please sign up in advance at Facebook to help us with numbers!

Tuesday Oct 22 - 1) **Joanne Faulkner**, University of New South Wales, *The Coming Postcolonial Community: Political Ontology of Aboriginal Childhood in Bringing Them Home*. 4.00 – 5.30pm in Assiniboia 2-02a. Co-sponsored with the Departments of Philosophy and Sociology. 2) **Difference and Diversity: An Evening of Performances**. Featuring CRIPSiE (formerly iDance), a reading by Leilani Muir, the art work of Nick Supina III, and much more. Education North 4-104. Doors at 6:30 pm, performances at 7:00 pm. Please sign up in advance via Facebook to help us with numbers!

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Pandas rugby team gearing up for ticket to nationals

RUGBY PREVIEW

Canada West rugby championships

Friday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 20
Lethbridge

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After a second consecutive undefeated regular season in Canada West — and first back-to-back undefeated record since 2006 — the Pandas rugby team marches into the conference championships in Lethbridge this weekend ranked first in the country for the first time since Canadian women's rugby pioneer Helen Wright was the U of A's head coach in 2004.

For captain Allison Fairbairn and Jennifer Cousineau, two of the Pandas fifth-year backs, the fact that they defeated every team in CanWest by a combined margin of 192-20 — including two shutouts against UBC and UVic — doesn't mean that the team failed to improve over the course of the season or didn't learn anything along the way.

"We are extremely excited to have come out of the regular season with a 4-0 record. Despite the scores, every game has had its challenges and we have learned a lot about the other teams, which has ultimately made us a better team," Fairbairn said.

Cousineau, who was quick to concur with her team captain, said that the team still found a lot they could work on after each and every game despite their relatively lop-sided victories.

"It was nice that our hard work turned into results. We were very focused about each game and did not look past any team we played."

But the Pandas will be the hunted instead of the hunters this time around in the CanWest championships. Entering the tournament as the defending champions — a burden no other U of A rugby team has had to deal with in almost a decade — means the Pandas has to be aware that they're the team to beat going into this weekend.

"I think the concept of winning



TRYING TO WIN The Pandas will look to repeat as Canada West champions for the first time in seven years when they head down to Lethbridge for the conference title. FILE PHOTO: JOEL MALINA

is still fairly new for the majority of us," Fairbairn said after going her first three years on the team watching Lethbridge clinch the conference titles. "We know we are a good team, but we were genuinely surprised when the national rankings were released a few weeks back and (we) read that we were number one. Carrying home another conference championship would mean that we get an honest chance to compete against the best CIS teams in Canada."

Cousineau also explained how exciting the prospect is that the team can return to nationals for the second year in a row if they reign victorious in southern Alberta this weekend.

"Winning CanWest is the only way to qualify for nationals, and we want to build on last year's third place finish ... As a senior player, I want so badly to have the opportunity to play at nationals, and I know our whole team does, so this

is going to be a crucial weekend to make that happen."

"The girls who have been around long enough know that every team brings a different game to CanWest."

ALLISON FAIRBAIRN
PANDAS RUGBY CAPTAIN

But standing in the way between the Pandas and that ticket to nationals are not only the other teams who are looking for revenge from their regular season defeats, but also the unique playing conditions that a trip to the aptly named windy city brings at this time of the year.

"Playing in Lethbridge brings a couple new dynamics to the game," Cousineau said. "We will be playing on a turf field instead of grass and it is usually very windy. Those are

both elements we will need to take into consideration when playing."

Fairbairn was more blunt in her dislike for playing in Lethbridge than Cousineau, the reasons she gave had more to do with the age-old hostilities that the Pandas share with the 'Horns.

"Lethbridge is probably the worst place to have CanWest only because we, the Pandas, have had a longstanding battle with the Pronghorns," the Pandas captain said, adding that the crowds the 'Horns bring to the games could potentially make an impact as well.

While Cousineau and Fairbairn are proud of their teammates' accomplishments over the past couple of years, they also made sure to note that the club's back-to-back perfect regular season records doesn't blind them to the very real possibility that a target will be firmly planted on the team, and that other squads at the CanWest tournament will undoubtedly want to knock their

championship aspirations down a peg this weekend.

"It has definitely crossed our minds that due to our success in (the) regular season, we (might) overlook this weekend," Fairbairn said, while adding that the team is still focused on the task at hand and is making sure not to get caught up in all the fanfare and hype from their supporters.

"Our coaches have kept us grounded. Thankfully, we are not taking this weekend lightly. The girls who have been around long enough to know that every team brings a different game to CanWest. We often have way tougher battles and closer scores in CanWest, because it is 'make-it or break-it' time. Ultimately, the season is over for three out of the four teams after this weekend and only one team gets to go to Nationals. I don't think the girls are ready to be done just yet."

The Pandas open the tournament Friday in Lethbridge against UBC.



KING OF MOUNT ROYAL Ex-Oil King Foster had seven points. HSN II

Bears

Athlete of the Week

WRITTEN BY Katherine Hill

F.T.J. FOSTER - ICE HOCKEY

Former Edmonton Oil King and rookie Bear forward T.J. Foster scored a goal and had four assists on his way to a five-point game against the Mount Royal Cougars on Saturday night in the Bears' 6-1 win over the Cougars in Calgary. The Golden Bears — who also beat the Cougars 6-2 on Friday at Clare Drake Arena — saw Foster compile two assists in the Bears' Friday victory in addition to his five points on Saturday. The first-year Arts student is also currently third overall in Canada West scoring with one goal and seven assists in the Golden Bears' first four games of the season.

Pandas

Athlete of the Week

WRITTEN BY Katherine Hill

F TESS HOUSTON - ICE HOCKEY

The Pandas hockey team won both games in a home-and-home against the Mount Royal Cougars last weekend due in no small part to veteran third-year forward Tess Houston who had one goal and an assist with a +3 rating on Friday when the team played the Cougars at Mount Royal in Calgary. The next night, she scored the only goal and had five shots on Saturday when the Cougars visited the Pandas at Clare Drake Arena. The Nursing student originally from Winnipeg now has two goals and two assists in the first four games of the 2013-2014 regular season. She currently sits fourth in Canada West scoring.



NO PROBLEM Houston had two goals and one assist. BLAKE FENSOM

Pandas rugby looking to repeat as CanWest champions

After winning their first conference championship in six years, the Pandas will be looking to return to nationals for the second straight year

RUGBY PREVIEW

Canada West rugby championships

Friday, Oct. 18 and Sunday Oct. 20
Lethbridge

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With the number one ranking in the country for the first time in almost a decade and the number one seed at this weekend's Canada West championship tournament, the veteran and experienced Pandas rugby squad looking to clinch their second consecutive CanWest title will have to best three other teams before they can clinch the conference crown.

#1 Alberta Pandas (4–0–0)

Fresh off of a season in which the team captured a bronze medal in their first appearance at the CIS national championship tournament since 2006, the Pandas — who are currently ranked first in the country — head into Lethbridge looking to use the CanWest championships as the price of admission to return to nationals and best last year's third place finish.

Strength: Experience

Very few rosters in CanWest — and indeed the entire country — can rely on a talent pool as deep and experienced as the Pandas can under current head coach Matt Parrish. This veteran squad includes fifth-year scrumhalf Chelsea Guthrie who — apart from being CanWest Player of the Year last season and a 2012 CIS All-Canadian — boasts big-time game experience after helping Team Canada seal a bronze medal at the 2013 FISU Summer Universiade Games in Kazan, Russia, and third-year fullback Alanna Fittes, who's come into her own this year as one of the premier scorers, not only in CanWest, but in the entire country, with eight tries to her name.

Weakness: Overconfidence

Backed by stellar performances and rather lopsided results in all four of their league matches — including back-to-back shutouts against UBC and Victoria in games that were

played less than 12 hours apart — this year's conference championships in Lethbridge see the Pandas enter as the odds-on favourite despite the fact that they may face some stiff competition from the other teams, who may be able to take advantage of the Pandas potentially looking past this weekend ahead to the upcoming national championships.

Prior to their first match, Parrish remarked that his team's biggest challenge would be “not taking things too lightly.” If the Pandas fail to come home with a championship banner this weekend, it will most likely be because of their own mental fortitude and not because of a lack of talent This tournament is the Pandas' to lose, and the worst opponent they will face will not be on the pitch, but within their own heads.

Key Players: FB Alanna Fittes, BR Miranda Monty, C Jennifer Cousineau, SH Chelsea Guthrie, L Louise Chavarie

#2 Calgary Dinos (2–1–1)

Following last season's surprising appearance in the CanWest championship game after besting the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns during the regular season to gain the second seed in the playoffs and then upsetting the 'Horns again in the semi-finals at Ellerslie Rugby Park, the Dinos look to clear that final hurdle and claim the school's first conference championship in program history.

Strength: Consistency

Say whatever you want about the Calgary Dinos, the one thing they can't be faulted on is the rather predictable fashion in which they win and lose games. The Dinos are an extremely talented team that's been able to recruit top players over the past couple of years and they have used that to build a balanced team that's good on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. Notwithstanding their 61-17 drumming at the hands of the Pandas to start the season, Calgary has bounced back rather nicely, going undefeated down the stretch and averaging 27 points for and 13 points against, with two victories over UBC and Victoria and a draw against Lethbridge.

Weakness: Composure

For all their talent and skill, Calgary is still a team coming into its own in CanWest and is probably still one or two years away from being able to legitimately challenge Alberta for the provincial and conference crown. Though Calgary has proved themselves to be a dominate squad against both of the B.C. teams, they seem to lack the competitive edge and killer instinct necessary to defeat the teams who play in their own province. In their games against both the Alberta Pandas and Lethbridge Pronghorns — two teams who they must hope to beat if they have even the slightest intentions of advancing to nationals — Calgary played rather poorly in the first half and allowed their opposition to put up leads that were almost insurmountable by the half-time break, with the lone exception, of course, being the Dinos' heroic comeback against Lethbridge to get a 26-26 draw in Calgary a couple of weeks ago.

Key Players: BR Natasha Loucks, P Samantha Crandell, C Sarah Adriano, H Emily Tuttosi, FB Kate Scotland

#3 Lethbridge Pronghorns (1–2–1)

To loosely rephrase the title of an ABBA song, the queens have lost their crown in southern Alberta after holding dominant reign over the CanWest conference for the better part of the last decade or so. Known for running through their CanWest opponents year after year, the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns experienced their first taste of defeat in recent memory at the hands of their Albertan rivals — the Pandas and Dinos — during last year's regular season before the upstart Dinos took out the 'Horns with a close 33-32 upset in the semi-finals of the CanWest championships in Edmonton.

Strength: Talent

Despite losing a bunch of experienced players over the past couple of seasons to graduation and national team programs, team manager Toby Boulet and his coaching staff have been able to re-stock the shelves of the program by attracting new talent, to with girls who have played

on the U20 national and provincial teams. The 'Horns also boast a potent offence in which any player has the capacity to score a try at any given time.

Weakness: Youth

With all the new talent and skill that the coaching and management staff at southern Alberta's largest city have been able to assemble at their disposal, one thing that's greatly missing from this year's incarnation of the 'Horns that previous squads have had is the irreplaceable in-game chemistry that comes with the experience of playing together over a duration of time. While Lethbridge has managed to stay competitive this season with a win over UBC, an 18-15 loss at the hands of UVic, a team that failed to qualify for the playoffs, a 42-3 thrashing to the Pandas at the end of the season and a blown 12-point first half lead against the Calgary Dinos, with whom they played to a 26-26 draw in their last game, reveal that this team still has some growing up to do before they return to prominence at the top of the conference.

Key Players: BR Kim Leavitt, C Tiffany Wideen, F/CLisa Hildebrand, L Stacey Hake, W Cassandra Orr

#4 UBC Thunderbirds (1–3–0)

Looking to finally break the punching bag mould that they've become for Albertan teams, the Thunderbirds will look to prove that there's premier rugby program development west of the Rocky Mountains. Even though the only team UBC was able to blast past were the provincial rival UVic Vikes, the T-Birds will be looking to make some noise and prove that they belong in the heart of Wildrose country in Lethbridge.

Strength: Underrated

UBC will be looking to spoil the all-Alberta party that the CanWest rugby championship tournament has become of late by exploiting any teams' overconfidence in thinking that playing them will be little more than a nice little stroll through the park on a Sunday morning. Looking at how their provincial rivals surprised a youthful Lethbridge Pronghorns squad with an 18-15

win, the T-Birds head coach will no doubt be looking at UVic's performance — coupled with the fact that his team beat the Vikes rather handily in the last season meeting between those two teams — as motivation for what could be possible for UBC this weekend.

Weakness: Offence

Despite their rather impressive 63-7 drumming of Victoria, a team who had previously upset the powerful University of Lethbridge Pronghorns 18-15 in the last weekend of the season, the T-Birds came out rather flat when they had the opportunity to play the 'Horns themselves, losing 31-14 just two days after Lethbridge had suffered that embarrassing defeat to the Vikes. Successive 39-0 and 22-5 losses at home to the Pandas and Dinos proved how ineffective the T-Birds attack was against teams that possessed formidable and aggressive defences.

Key Players: W Clara Malone, C Mackenzie Lee, F Cassidy Gale, C Catherine Ohler, SH/FB Gabrielle Hindley

Opening Round

#4 UBC Thunderbirds vs. #1 Alberta Pandas
Friday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m.

The last time these two teams played, the Pandas overcame a flight cancellation and windy and rainy conditions to shutout the T-Birds 39-0 on their home turf. The Pandas also beat UBC 62-12 at Ellerslie Rugby Park in the opening match of Canada West championship tournament last year.

#3 Lethbridge Pronghorns vs. #2 Calgary Dinos
Friday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m.

In same CanWest championship matchup last season, the two southern Alberta schools played to a thrilling opening round game at Ellerslie Rugby Park with the Dinos ultimately coming out on top 33-32 and advancing to their first CanWest championship game in school history. The two teams also played to a 26-26 draw a couple of weeks ago in Calgary and now the 'Horns are the hosts.

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2	Calgary Dinos	AB	4	2	1	1	12
3	Lethbridge Pronghorns	AB	4	1	2	1	9
4	UBC Thunderbirds	BC	4	1	3	0	5
5	Victoria Vikes	BC	4	1	3	0	4

CANWEST TOP PERFORMERS

PANDAS STANDOUTS

FB Alanna Fittes - 3rd Year

- Eight tries, a penalty goal, and 10 conversions for 68 total points

SH Chelsea Guthrie - 5th Year

- Four tries this season and member of FISU bronze medal winning team

7-0 RSEQ

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192	20	33	12	1
99	103	15	9	2
73	100	12	6	0
82	109	11	7	1
45	166	8	1	1

CANWEST STANDOUTS

BR Kim Leavitt - 5th Year

- Four tries scored this year plus pursuing graduate studies

P Samantha Crandell - 4th Year

- Three tries on the season and a former member of Team Alberta's U19 squad

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PUTTING HOME THE REBOUND The Bears used their home field advantage to win their first game in five matches.

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Bears soccer wins at home after rebounding from losses on road

Bears continue two-year undefeated streak at home despite losing three of their last four

SOCCER REVIEW

Bears vs. Winnipeg

Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. and
Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.
Foote Field (11601 68 Ave.)

Adam Pinkoski

SPORTS WRITER

It was an ecstatic feeling for Golden Bears soccer on the weekend as the team bounced back from a string of four dreadful away results over the past two weekends to win 2-0 against the Fraser Valley Cascades and the tenth-ranked University of Victoria Vikes.

"It's a good feeling. It's good to do individual things, but it's always a greater feeling to do things with the team," fourth-year striker Marcus Johnstone said following his team's win on Saturday. Johnstone took one step closer to becoming the all-time leading goal scorer in Bears history by drawing level with Brett Colvin at the top of the leaderboard with his insurance goal in the 72nd minute against the Cascades. He still has four regular season conference matches remaining — including the prospect of an extended season via the Canada West playoffs and the CIS national championships — to score one more goal and best Colvin as the program's all-time leading goal scorer.

The game in which Johnstone scored the goal saw the Bears playing a Fraser Valley side eager to secure a spot in the CanWest playoffs for the first time in the team's history. Despite an uneventful opening to the game, the Bears broke the scoreless deadlock 25 minutes in due to second-year midfielder Moe Teliani's 25-yard crack into the top of the net, which put the home side up 1-0 over the visiting B.C. lower mainlanders.

Although the Cascades were lively throughout the game, they ultimately failed to get the ball under control and struggled greatly in the Bears' defensive third, helping Alberta to capitalize and double their lead through Johnstone's strike in the

72nd minute — just two minutes after the Phys. Ed and Recreation major had entered the game.

Sunday's match proved to be a much tougher task for the Bears as they faced off against the CIS tenth-ranked University of Victoria Vikes. Prior to Sunday's meeting against UVic, the Bears had failed to score against their Vancouver Island rivals for a period spanning 270 minutes throughout two years, with their last regular conference win against the Vikes coming more than three years ago when they topped the Vikes 5-2 in a lopsided match at Centennial Field in the British Columbian capital.

"With the performances this weekend — two shutouts (and) six points — I'm feeling good. Everyone's feeling good."

JAY VETSCH
BEARS SOCCER GOALKEEPER

The pace at the start of Sunday's game displayed no indication that the current state of affairs between the Vikes and Bears was going to change, as Victoria saw a flurry of their opening chances go just wide of the net or stopped by the Bears' steady fifth-year keeper Jay Vetsch. Alberta was largely under pressure from the relentless Vikes for most of the first half, but saw their best chances fall to midfielders Tim Hickson — who ended up hitting the side netting of the goal following a well-taken half-volley — and Moe Teliani, who, with just the keeper to beat, wrong footed himself and made it easy for the Vikes' keeper to make the save at the stroke of halftime.

A galvanizing substitution by veteran Bears head coach Len Vickery saw Johnstone come into the game after the halftime break and provide what proved to be a much needed spark in what was until then a fairly uninspired Bears side.

While it was the Vikes who once again started the half as the better club, despite a run of several chances for the visitors — all of which were spectacularly saved by fifth-year keeper Jay Vetsch — it was the Bears who would first break the scoreless deadlock in the 72nd minute. The Bears' favoured long ball approach — which they'd been utilizing the entire match — finally came good for the team as a clearance deep inside their defensive third was flicked on by Johnstone into the path of fourth-year striker Jermele Campbell, who struck the ball home from 18 yards out to give the Bears 1-0 lead with just over 20 minutes left to play. From then on, Alberta saw the brunt of the action and were rewarded for their efforts in the closing minutes of injury time as Johnstone once again took on the provider's role, setting up rookie midfielder Ajay Khabra for his first goal in Canada West and sealing the Bears' first victory over the Vikes in three years with a 2-0 final result.

Despite Johnstone's contributions to both goals with a couple of assists during the game, Vetsch was the outstanding player of the match, making seven saves in total and being rewarded for his efforts with two back-to-back shutouts over the weekend.

"Right now I'm a little bit sore, but with the performances this weekend — two shutouts (and) six points — I'm feeling good. Everyone's feeling good," Vetsch said.

To add to the elated attitude following the Bears back-to-back victories over the weekend and continuation of their home unbeaten streak that dates back to 2011, the Bears — who are also the worst disciplined team in Canada West with two red cards and 22 yellows — only received two yellow cards in their much-needed wins against their B.C. opposition. The Bears will certainly hope to continue their good vibe by replicating their recent success when they take on the Winnipeg Wesmen next weekend at Foote Field in their penultimate matches of the CanWest season.

Pandas soccer can finish season undefeated with wins in Van City

SOCCER PREVIEW

Pandas @ Trinity Western and UBC

Friday, Oct. at 6 p.m. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m.
Langley, B.C. and Vancouver

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The Pandas soccer team — who has continued to click on all cylinders as they try to cap off what has been a spectacular season of conference play — will face their biggest test of their Canada West schedule as they try to carry momentum forward into their season-culminating road trip to Greater Vancouver.

The Pandas — who currently sit atop the CanWest standings at 8-0-2 — will be matching up in Langley against the defending CIS national champion Trinity Western Spartans, before heading on to Vancouver proper to take on the undefeated UBC Thunderbirds.

Along with the 7-0-3 Thunderbirds whom the Pandas will face next Saturday night at Thunderbird Park, the Pandas are only one of four undefeated teams left in all of CIS along with the Cape Breton University Capers and the Western University Mustangs. And besides giving them a favourable seeding for the upcoming CanWest playoffs, a strong performance this upcoming weekend would also help erase the Golden Bears' recent malaise from the minds of proud U of A soccer fans across campus, who have only just seen the Bears overcome many key injuries to their starting lineup to successfully rebound after four winless matches on the road.

Despite the two very talented B.C. squads standing between them and a potentially perfect season this weekend, the Pandas can rely on their tremendous consistency, which has helped earn them a well-deserved national second place ranking in CIS. All eyes will undoubtedly be on fourth-year keeper and former Canada West women's soccer rookie of

the year Kelti Briggs to backstop the team heading into Vancouver, while striker Julia Ignacio — whose 10 goals and nine assists have played a major role in having the team ranked first in the country in goals per game — will be looked upon to provide the spark to the Pandas' offensive attack this Friday and Saturday. The Pandas will also need their offensive virtuosity more than ever, as they face the two stingiest defences in the CIS with UBC and Trinity Western ranking first and second respectively in goals allowed and shutouts.

All eyes will surely be on the Pandas this weekend as they try to solidify their presence in the conversation as one of Canada's best teams alongside perennial powerhouses like the Ottawa Gee-Gees and Laval Rouge et Or, thereby placing them in the confident, archetypical mindset seen among all of the teams that hope to emerge victorious in early November as the Canadian university national champions of women's soccer.

Bears football out for revenge against UBC

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Bears @ UBC

Saturday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.
Vancouver

Cameron Lewis
SPORTS STAFF • @COOOM

With their home opening, last second overtime heartbreaker at the hands of UBC fresh in their minds, quarterback Ryan Schwartz leads the 0-6 Golden Bears football team into his hometown of Vancouver, British Columbia this Saturday for a shot at redemption against the Thunderbirds who sit third in CanWest at 3-3.

It was only a few weeks ago on a rainy September night at Foote Field that the Golden Bears — poised to win their first game since October of 2010 — had a few flubbed possessions against the T-Birds and made the questionable play call of conceding a safety late in the game to vanish the 27-point lead they had worked so hard build up over the course of the first half and force

the game to overtime. The Thunderbirds were able to stand their ground and get an interception against the Bears offence in the first possession of overtime, and promptly marched down the field and iced the game with a 20-yard field goal to take the contest 39-36 and secure their first victory of the season.

The Bears and Thunderbirds are also two teams who boast strong offences, so Saturday's game is sure to be a barn burner.

After the league-wide Canada West Thanksgiving bye week, the Bears — who are 0-6 on the year and one of only two winless teams in CIS — will look for their first win in almost three years against the 3-3 Thunderbirds who are battling with the 2-4 University of Regina Rams for the final playoff spot in the conference. The T-Birds have also been an inconsistent team this year,

going back and forth from week to week between wins and losses, and being unable to win more than one game in a row. If the trend continues this weekend for the T-Birds following their 38-24 win last weekend against the University of Manitoba Bisons, then logic would say that they're poised to concede a loss to the Golden Bears.

The Bears and Thunderbirds are also two teams who boast strong offences, so Saturday's game at Thunderbird Stadium is sure to be a barn burner, just like the first time these two teams met this season.

Where these teams do differ offensively is that while most of the Thunderbirds' scoring comes from their ground game — UBC's running back Brandon Deschamps leads Canada West rushing with 152.8 yards per game — the Bears rely on the passing game through the air and on the kick return to advance their position on the field. Ryan Schwartz will rely on favourite target and wideout Tylor Henry to do accomplish a lot of the forward ball movement for the Bears this weekend.

CanWest finals rematch for Bears hockey

HOCKEY PREVIEW

Bears @ Saskatchewan

Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.
Saskatoon

Cameron Lewis
SPORTS STAFF • @COOOM

It was only last year that the Golden Bears hockey team watched as underdog Canada West newcomer the Mount Royal University Cougars celebrated their first CIS victory during a home-and-home series with the U of A to begin the 2012-13 season. The Bears — who seemed to have learned their lesson from last year — defeated the Cougars in their 101st home opener on Friday at Clare Drake Arena 6-2, and then went on to dominate them again one night later in front of the Mount Royal faithful in Calgary by a score of 6-1, ensuring

that history didn't repeat itself.

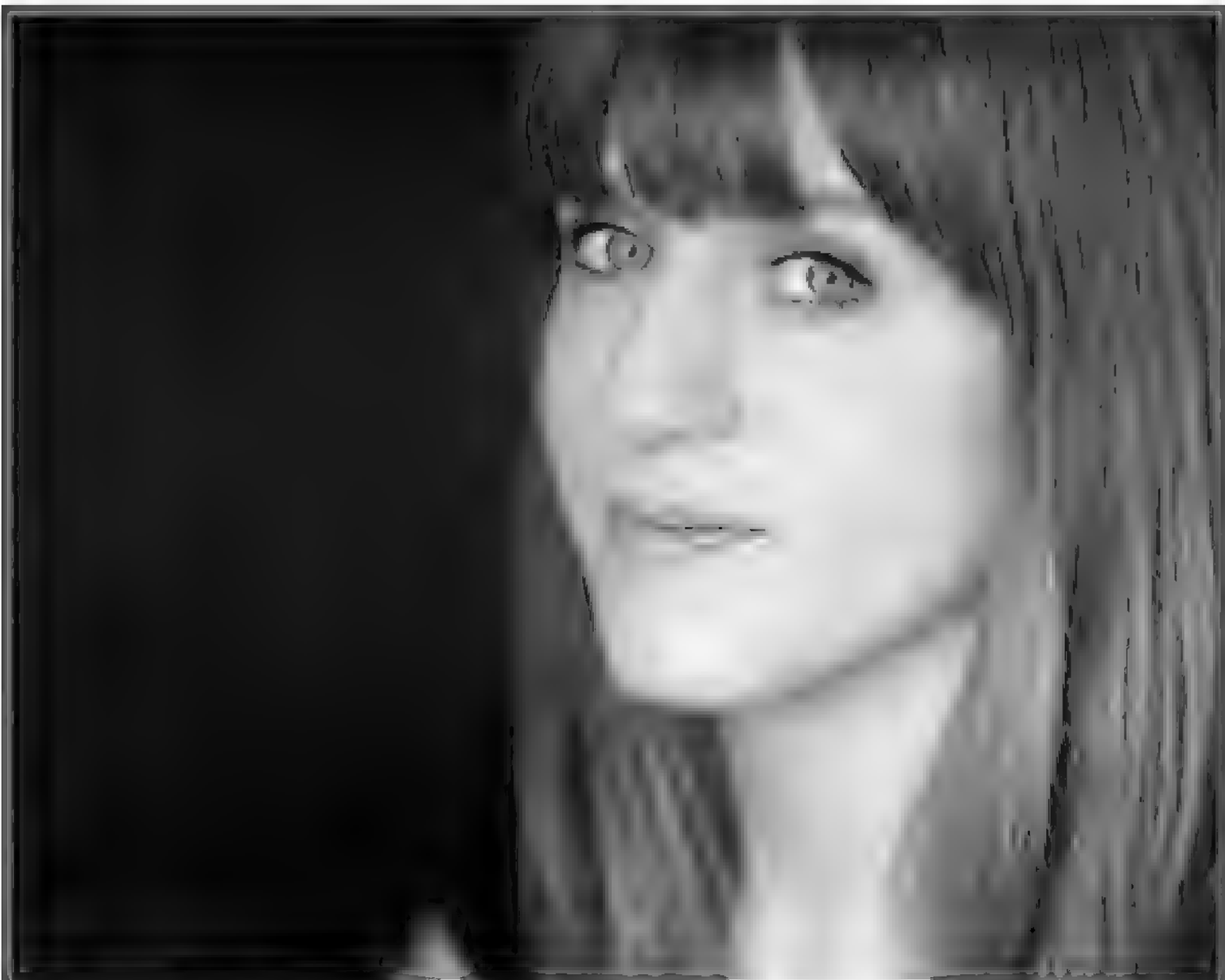
On the bright side for the Cougars, MRU was finally able to snap Kurtis Mucha's CanWest regular season all-time shutout streak record at 221:04 — a streak that spanned all the way back to January of last season. The Bears, who themselves combined for a massive offensive output this past weekend, spread the love around by having nine different players account for the 12 goals scored between last Friday and Saturday's games.

The weekend's 12 goals added to the 21 total goals the Bears have scored just four games into the season, while their goaltending and defence have only conceded three goals against en route to the team's current 4-0 record and top place standing in CanWest. But the Golden Bears' schedule will get tougher as the Bears face their first real test of the season next weekend in Saskatoon for a 2012 CanWest championship rematch with the University

of Saskatchewan Huskies.

The Huskies — who finished second in CanWest last year behind the first place Golden Bears — haven't yielded the same success so far to start the season as they did when they began last year with a 7-1 record. The Huskies, who currently sit fourth in CanWest, are 2-2-0 after splitting both of their weekend series so far against Mount Royal at home and against the University of Manitoba Bisons on the road. While this isn't the start the Huskies were expecting to begin the year, they're still a force to be reckoned with in the CIS hockey world, as they were voted the number two ranked team in the conference in the annual preseason coaches' poll, and ranked sixth in the country in the first CIS top 10 men's hockey poll last week.

Last year, the Bears went 3-1 against the Huskies in the regular season before defeating them two games to one in the CanWest finals.



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Amy Shostak

'07 BA

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Biggest life lesson learned on campus?
I learned in my last few years that my education was my responsibility. I spent my first couple years blaming my peers, my professors, the textbooks, for me not having a good time. Once I realized that I got to do whatever I want with my education, that's when I absolutely fell in love with my studies.

What's the one piece of advice you'd give a current U of A student?
Sometimes you have to take three classes a semester, instead of five. That's ok.

Favourite U of A Tradition?
I've got a soft spot for the whole "Green and gold, quaecumque vera, guide us through this shining era" rhyme. The orientation worked!

Favourite secret makeout/study spot?
"The Pit" in the Fine Arts Building, the lowest level at the bottom of the main staircase.


Favourite course/teacher?
Performer-created Theatre with Jonathan Christenson, tied with any art history course that Steven Harris taught.

If you got one university do-over, what would it be?
I would have taken more linguistics, and more self-directed courses.


What did you do to help you stay sane during exam time?
I went to Theatresports every Friday night. No matter how tough school was, I always found time and (somehow) energy to do what I love.

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Hot play by goaltenders key to success for Pandas hockey team

Both Pandas goalies have combined for 72 saves and have only allowed three goals

HOCKEY PREVIEW

Pandas vs. Saskatchewan

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Following a weekend split against the visiting University of Manitoba Bisons last week, in which the Pandas dropped a 1-0 contest despite outshooting their opponents 24-19, the Pandas reasserted themselves with back-to-back wins over Mount Royal University in their home-and-home series this past Friday and Saturday.

For Pandas head coach Howie Draper — whose team started the last season with seven straight wins before playing .500 hockey for the rest of the year — the fact that his team sits second place in the Canada West standings with a 3-1-0 record after their first four games of the season isn't cause for celebration. But the veteran coach does concede the great start doesn't hurt in terms of boosting his players' confidence about where their game is right now.

"Success has a tendency to build confidence, just as failure can diminish it," Draper said. "I felt that our players earned the two (wins) against Mount Royal and, therefore, are likely more confident in what they are capable of. The added confidence is welcomed as long as it doesn't contribute to a satisfaction in where we are right now. We have a lot of growth ahead of us and we have to keep moving in an upward direction."

The Pandas' weekend victories saw them concede only one goal in their 4-1 and 1-0 wins over the Cougars, which had Draper singing the praises

of both of his goaltenders and the fact that the dynamic duo have only conceded a combined total of three goals over the team's first four games of the season, while combining for 75 saves on 78 shots in that same time period.

"Our goaltending was outstanding. Both Michala (Jefferies) and Lindsey (Post) were phenomenal in my opinion," Draper said about his netminders' performances last weekend, which included a 12-save shutout by Post in the Pandas 1-0 victory against Mount Royal on Saturday. "I feel like Michala and Lindsey have both increased their intensity and competitiveness in practices the past two to three weeks ... Michala has the added motivation of playing in her last season. She wants to finish her career by leading the team to another championship (and) she has the ability to do it."

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PANDAS HOCKEY HEAD COACH

It's not only the goaltending, however, that's been clicking for Draper and his coaching staff. The Pandas offence, despite being shutout and held to only one goal against Manitoba and Mount Royal, also had two games in which they have lit up the Cougars and Bisons for four and five goals respectively, an outcome that Draper is quick to attribute to the different starting goalies that the team is playing every night.

"The good news is that we're scoring more than we have in the past two years or so at this time of year, hopefully we can build on it," Draper said.

While the Pandas may have gotten a break by the CanWest schedule makers with two early games against the developing Mount Royal Cougars last weekend, Draper admits the home-and-home component of the games against MRU isn't the ideal situation for his team to be in. And while he's happy his team got the wins, he and his players were looking forward to a well-deserved Thanksgiving break following their game at Clare Drake on Saturday.

"The home-and-homes are tough on the athletes in my opinion. They take time and energy away from our players that could be used (for) studying or getting proper rest," Draper said. "We were on the road for an accumulated 6-7 hours for Friday's game in Calgary. We returned to Clare Drake Arena at 2 a.m. on Saturday morning to unpack gear, which means our players likely got into bed at about 2-3 a.m., and then they're expected to play again 12 hours later. It's hard on them (and) it is important that they get a bit more of a chance to recover following the weekend."

The Pandas now prepare to host an old foe in the visiting University of Saskatchewan Huskies this Friday and Saturday at Clare Drake Arena in two games that Draper feels his team cannot afford to take lightly despite the Pandas taking the season series 3-1 including two additional wins against the U of S in the playoffs.

"(The Huskies) always work hard," Draper said. "Our team has to match if not exceed their level of effort to be successful. They've got some speed up front with players such as Cami Wooster — that will hurt us if we're not prepared to play and think the game at a high tempo — (and) their defencemen can be potent, particularly on the powerplay, so we'll need to be the more disciplined team and avoid unnecessary penalties. Something we need to do a much better job of in general."



BEHIND THE MASK The Pandas have combined for 10 goals and only three against in their four games to start the season. **BLAKE FENSON**

Which pro teams have the worst name in all of sports?



Sports Staff

GROUP COMMENTARY

With all the emotion surrounding the accusations against the NFL's Washington Redskins having an archaic and derogatory name, and pundits, fans and commentaors on both sides of the issue making their voice heard, it's a good time to look at what the worst names in sports are. Below are some of the names we thing are some of the strangest that exist in the North American sports world

Edmonton Cracker-Cats
Katherine Hill

In 2004, the Triple-A Edmonton Trappers Pacific Coast League baseball team played their last game at Telus Field and moved to Texas, where they still exist as the Round Rock Express. To continue the baseball tradition in Edmonton after the Trappers had left, a new Northern League team was established and named the Edmonton — wait for it — Cracker-Cats.

Eight years later, I'm still having trouble figuring out what this name was supposed to represent. Apparently, "cracking" — the first part of the team's name — is a techniqueusedinoilprocessing,soIguess they wanted to continue the sporting theme of "This is Oil Country" that we have here in Edmonton. And although this works great for the hockey teams — namely, the Oilers and Oil Kings — I think it's a bit of a stretch to extend that honour to the Cracker-Cats. And, even if you take that leap and accept the Oil Country connection, where on earth did the "cats" part come from? Was there a discount on cat mascot costumes at Walmart? Are cats just the coolest animals? Was '60s lingo and slang making a comeback?

The Cracker-Cats logo sports an exceptionally cool-looking cat and an oilrig in the background, which I can only assume is an exact replica of the one used by the Oilers at Rexall Place. While that's a nice homage to the city's favourite sports team, it really doesn't inspire me to go to a ball game. The cat in the logo is wielding a silver baseball bat that was more than likely used to club unsuspecting Edmontonians over the head and drag them to watch the struggling minor league team. I just hope their PR team changed the words of the popular seventh-inning stretch song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" to "Buy me some peanuts and Cracker-Cats" in order to better promote the sales of their products.

All in all, I don't think we can blame our city's apathy towards baseball on one bad team name, but

the fans didn't exactly flock to Telus Field to cheer on the Cracker-Cats. "Popular" Edmonton Oilers owner and Katz Group CEO Daryl Katz bought the team in 2009 and wisely changed the name to the Edmonton Capitals. Not the most inspired name of all time, but anything after the the Cracker-Cats would be a sure fire improvement.

Atlanta Dream
Michael Simion

There's something depressing about the Atlanta Dream. For Georgia, the Atlanta Dream represent the state's only Women's National Basketball Association team. And while I would imagine that few Georgia locals are actively miffed at their local WNBA team's name, I would argue that this has more to do with a general indifference among Atlanteans to sports in general — like the way it is for most Atlanta based pro sports teams — than it has to do with any straight up annoyance of the Dream moniker. But while examining the lowest of the low in professional sports naming, the perhaps often overlooked Atlanta Dream stuck out as one of those particularly nightmarish examples of just how awful sports team names could and can be.

First of all, the Dream is simply a name that I don't fully understand, as it seems to exist in stark contrast with the current state of the WNBA in Atlanta. With the second worst attendance in a league that is already overly mocked by outsiders and casual fans, the Dream don't seem to be generating the dream-like reception that their team name proudly suggests. To be frank, the name Dream in and of itself is also incredibly lame as it comes off as more of a local charitable organization for underprivileged inner-city school children — which isn't lame by any stretch of the imagination — than it does dominant pro women's basketball team.

Additionally, the Dream name brings — to my mind, at least — a series of horrendous uses of word play on the team's Wikipedia page, such as the reference to the franchise's playing era as "Living the Dream." This is not directly the team's fault, but it's nonetheless reprehensible.

All this being said, as I begin to fall

asleep tonight and my own dreams start to take shape, I can confidently say I won't be dreaming of a name change for this particular WNBA franchise. But if anyone finds the time to change this team name, it couldn't hurt.

Oakland Athletics
Zachary Borutski

How many major North American sports teams are named after an activity? The answer is one and it's MLB's Oakland Athletics. Other teams, like the Detroit Tigers or the NHL's San Jose Sharks, take their names from tangible things that are easily defined and not a vague blanket term. Maybe Oakland is trying to reach a broader fanbase by using an all-encompassing term, maybe they were scared that if they named their team the "baseball players" they'd only attract die-hard baseball fans. If Oakland, the team of *Moneyball*-fame, is the "athletics," then maybe we should we rename the Tigers the "animals."

Or maybe it's just a stupid, irrelevant name for a sports team, considering the oft tenuous link between baseball players and athletic prowess. Current ESPN baseball analyst and former major leaguer John Kruk once famously told a woman —

a generic hobby, in the manner the Oakland Athletics are. Imagine if the Cubs became the Chicago Painters or the Blue Jays became the Wind Surfers or Boston became the Dog Walkers.

The name Athletics doesn't even have proper grammar on its side as it should technically be the "Oakland Athlet^{es}" — a noun in reference to the ball players who are playing, and not simply an adjective used to describe a noun. Used in the context of other sports names, it becomes mind-bogglingly confusing what exactly an athletic is supposed to be anyway. With all these strikes against them, the Athletics really are in need of a change of name. The name Wind Surfers, for instance, is still available.

The Someplace Somethings
Jennifer Fox

In the world of male competitive sports, where supposedly the testosterone's fuelling in overdrive and masculinity is supposed to be on full display for all the world to see, it's inexplicable how there are some male professional sports teams out there whose names, for lack of a better term, just outright suck and don't convey at all the aggressiveness that is supposed to be present every time the team takes to the playing field.

First on this list is the newest CFL team that's supposed to begin play next year in our nation's capital and goes by the uniquely colourful name the Ottawa REDBLACKS. And yes, like an internet trolls angry rant, the name is fully capitalized.

The name is unimaginative and amateur, plus — forget the Washington Redskins in America's capital city — it sounds like a name that could be seen as being potentially extremely offensive to anyone who has First Nations and African Canadian blood flowing through their veins. At least for them — like the folks in Washington — the Supreme Court is right on their doorstep.

Second for stupidest name in sports goes to the Pelicans of New Orleans. This newly christened team — formerly known as the Hornets — are so named because the state bird of Louisiana is, you guessed it, a damn pelican. First off, pelicans aren't stealthy, vicious or aggressive — traits one would normally expect when an animal is chosen to represent the name of a sports team. No, pelicans are awkward and clumsy with massive feet.

Therefore, making it the name of a professional basketball team — and one that already plays awkwardly and clumsily in the first place — is a terrible idea.

Then there's the NFL's Miami Dolphins who represent another dreadful name for a sports teams. I don't know about you, but I would feel very confused hearing someone say that they're a proud supporter of the Dolphins. Would they be referring to some sort of "save the oceans" initiative or the pro football team? Also, a team of dolphins doesn't sound tough at all.

Another place in the list of sports team with bad names goes to the NHL's Anaheim Ducks. The Mighty Ducks was a name originally chosen by six-year-olds, which is all well and good for a Disney movie, but not for the label of a major sports team. I give a huge amount credit to the individual who designed that team's logo, because when do you ever hear any sort of winning adjective attached to the feathered quacking avian we call a duck. Mighty just isn't a word one usually associates with the *anas platyrhynchos*.

The final name on my list, but certainly not the least is — drumroll please — the Stanford Cardinal. And, no, it's not in reference to the bird and, yes, the singular spelling of the word is indeed correct. Apparently if you consult a colour wheel at your local Home Depot, Cardinal is in fact one of the colours — and an expensive, pompous sounding one too, sort of like the institution itself.

While the name does match Stanford University precisely for that reason, it's still a stupid name for a football team. If you don't agree with me, the fact that their team mascot is a dark evergreen pine tree — that isn't even in the least "cardinal" coloured except for its lips — should change your clearly reluctant mind.

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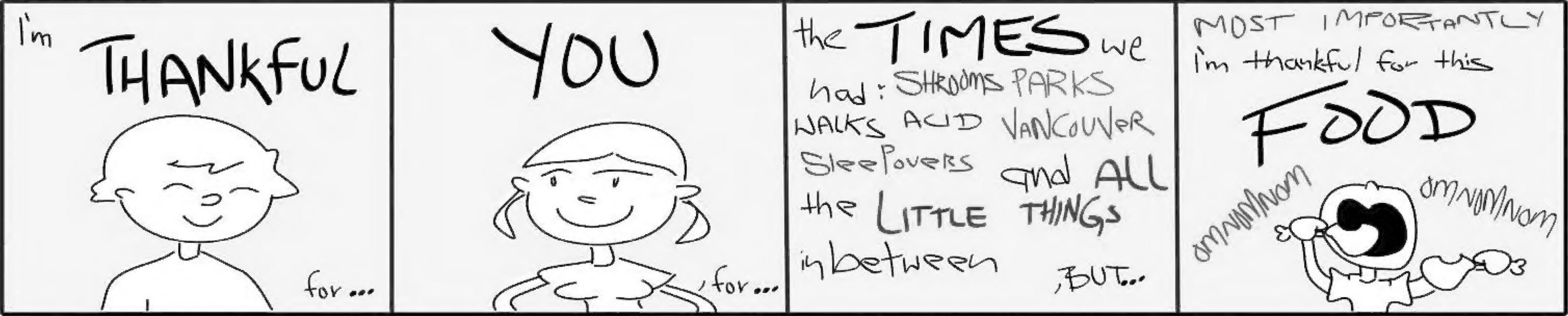
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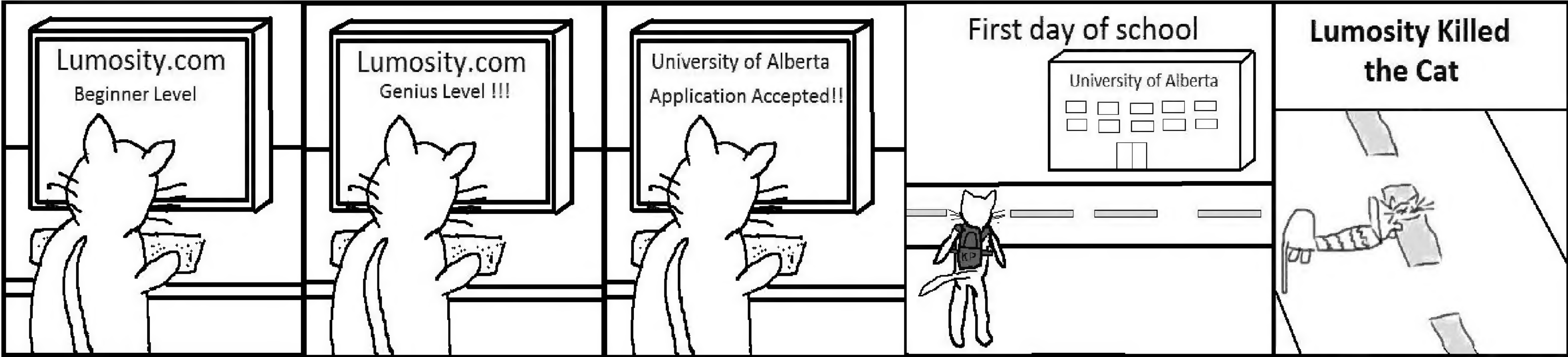
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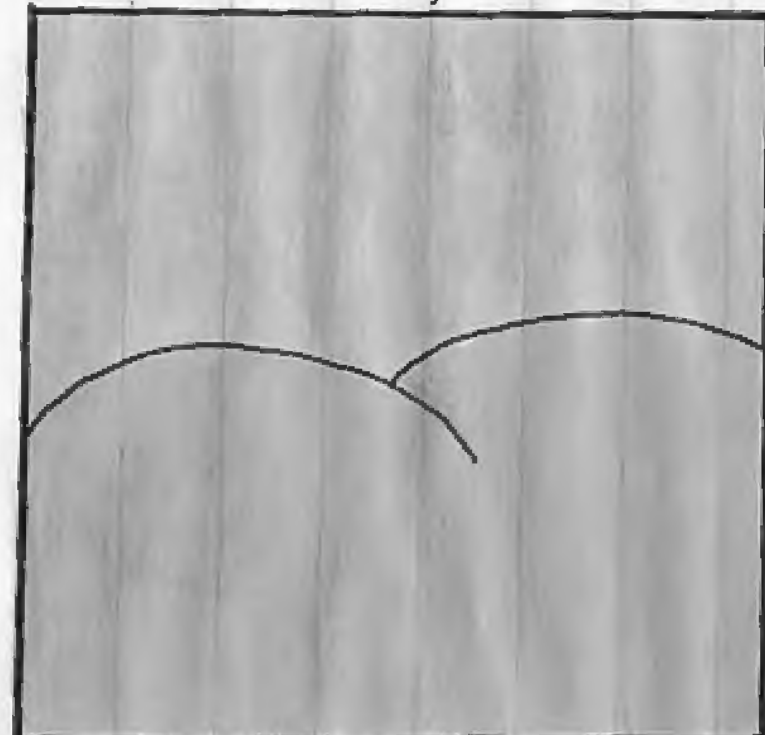
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